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Elmo's available

Tickle Me Elmo, the most sought-after children's toy this season, may be within reach!

Fantastic Sam's will sell \$1 raffle tickets for the popular doll, and all proceeds will go to the Salvation Army. Tickets are available at three locations: 2729 Wayne Road, 161 Wayne Road and 8014 Wayne Road.

Steve Johnson said tickets can be purchased up to 9 p.m. Dec. 23 so that the winner can give the doll as a Christmas present.

Flu bug hits area

An influenza outbreak has caused mass absences from area schools and businesses.

Most of the flu cases are Type A, according to Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, medical director of the Wayne County Health Department.

If you haven't had the flu yet, Lawrenchuk said, it is not too late for a flu shot. The season doesn't peak until January or February, he said.

Voters need photo ID

Legislation passed by the State Legislature will require all voters to present a photo identification when casting their ballots.

The measure is intended to prevent voting fraud.

Lawmakers gain raises

The State Compensation Commission voted unanimously to grant 2.5 percent pay increases in 1997 and 1998.

At the same time, the commission eliminated the extra \$5,000 stipend for the House and Senate judiciary committee chairs.

Cold, snow expected

Flurries and extremely cold weather is forecast for the Western Wayne County area today, Friday and Saturday.

Scattered snow will fall today and switch to flurries Friday, with temperatures dipping to the 20s tonight and the teens on Friday.

Skies will be cloudy on Saturday and temperatures will plunge from zero to 10.



Double winner

Peter Magic, dubbed the World's Greatest Carnival Player, donates the proceeds of the sale of his winnings to area charities. Those who want to benefit a local charity by purchasing one of the stuffed animals can see Magic at the John Rogin Buick showroom in Wayne. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

Condition worsens Girl, 8, admitted to St. Jude's

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Young Romulus cancer victim Cymonne Pyles' condition has worsened in the past week and she has been flown to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis for stepped up chemotherapy, a family friend revealed Monday.

Pyles, an eight-year-old student at Hale Creek Elementary School, was first diagnosed with having a brain tumor just before Halloween 1996. Since then she has had most of that tumor (60-80 percent) removed, but doctors reported it was too dangerous to remove it all since it was so deeply lodged in the brain.

Her parents, Jeff and Deborah Pyles, flew to Memphis with their daughter late Monday morning and hope that she can come home for Christmas and then return for more intense treatment (radiation and chemotherapy).

The Pyles family received the sad news over the weekend that the type of tumor Cymonne has is a fast growing type and possibly the remaining tumor portion in her head might be growing wildly again.

Rob McLachlan, a family friend and neighbor, said that a "Friends of Cymonne Pyles" financial support group has been formed to help the Pyles family with the costly burden of fighting the tumor.

The committee includes McLachlan, Rozanne Kucharski, head of the school's parents-teachers organization; Sheila Stasak, Hale Creek teacher; Bill Baum, another

teacher; Mayor William Oakley and Ron Hopson, local insurance agent.

McLachlan said a spaghetti dinner fund raiser is being planned for Cymonne.

In addition the local cub scouts and girl scouts are planning a New Years weekend door to door drive to collect any refundable bottles residents wish to donate to the health cost drive.

The scouts will cover as wide an area as the volunteers can reach during that time period, McLachlan said.

Families with large amounts of bottles who would need a personal pickup can call McLachlan at 941-3829 and leave a message on his answering machine.

Persons wishing to make a See **GIRL**, page A-3

City workers help family

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus city employees filled with the spirit of Christmas and compassion for the family of local cancer victim Cymonne Pyles donated \$600 to the family last weekend so the family would have additional cash with them while visiting a Nashville cancer treatment center this week.

The eight-year-old tumor victim left Detroit Metro Airport late Monday morning for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, where young Cymonne was to undergo chemotherapy for her brain tumor.

Mayor William Oakley said Northwest Airlines donated free tickets to Cymonne and her parents, Jeff and Deborah Pyles of Romulus.

"But last Friday night our

Over \$500 was collected.

city employees held their annual Christmas party, at which a number of door prizes were awarded to various workers. Upon hearing of the Pyles' family problems, many of the employees returned their gifts and asked that they be auctioned off and that the money be given to the Pyles.

Over \$500 was collected, Oakley said, and later that night it was found that more than \$50 was left over after all the party costs were paid. That money was thrown in to reach the \$600 figure, Oakley said.

To further add to the fund drive, Oakley said, a bingo ses-



Mayor William Oakley

sion is being slated by the Romulus Progressive Bingo Club at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 14. The fund raising bingo effort will be held at the Romulus Progressive Club Hall on Ozga Road near Huron River Drive and Goddard Road.

Woman's killer sought by police

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A battered 40-year-old Taylor woman's body was found in a ditch on Wahrman road in Romulus just before noon last Thursday by a pair of motorists, Detective Lt. David Early reported Monday.

The woman later was identified as Sandy Potter, whose last known address was in Taylor, Early said. The location at which Ms. Potter's body was found was listed as one quarter mile south of Northline road.

The woman was last seen getting into a light colored mini-van about 1:30 a.m. that day at Ecorse and Beech Daly in Taylor, police were told.

An autopsy showed that the victim was struck in the head with a sharp object, Early said, thus the investigation is being treated as a homicide.

Police have no suspects in custody at this time. Anyone with information on Ms. Potter's last days are urged to call Romulus detectives at 942-6879.

Early reported the victim's body was fully clothed in blue-jeans, ankle high fringed leather boots and a waist length black (with white sleeves) jacket with "Parkway Federal Credit Union" embroidered on the back.

Early said it appears Ms. Potter was killed somewhere else and dumped in the Romulus ditch.

Other recent police cases reported by Early include:

•The passenger window of 1994 Dodge Dakota was found smashed while it was parked at the Clarion Inn on Industrial Highway on Dec. 2. A radio was also reported stolen.

•A toy display reportedly was stolen from the Wendy's Restaurant on Middlebelt road on Dec. 7. Police were told it appeared to be two white male suspects. One ordered food and distracted the staff, while the second person stole the toy display.

•An Inkster resident, identified as Phillip Glaze, 18, was arrested on Dec. 7 while in possession of a stolen 1977 Oldsmobile while in the Relax Inn parking lot on Wickham road. Glaze was arraigned and ordered held in \$10,000 bail pending a hearing at the 34th District Court of Romulus on Dec. 18.

•A Packard Bell computer was reported stolen on Dec. 7 at a Metro home. Police said the side door of the home was kicked in also.

•Two men, one wearing an orange style hunters cap, are believed to be the persons, who stole various power tools from a 1994 Ford van while it was parked on Goddard road on Dec. 7.

•Tires were slashed and the windshield was broken on a 1982 Oldsmobile on Dec. 8, while it was parked at the Salvation Army on Goddard road.

•A 1997 Dodge Cargo van with a black stripe on its sides and "Send" logo was reported stolen while making a delivery on Dec. 2.

•Complainant said he left his wallet in his room at the Clarion Inn on Industrial Parkway on Dec. 5 and when he returned \$1,300 was missing.

•A bandit wearing a black ski mask and armed with a handgun held up and robbed an attendant at Tina's Mini Market on Van Born road on Dec. 5. Police described the bandit as a six foot tall black male wearing a black zip-up coat and black pants. A tracking dog was called to the scene, but was unable to locate the suspect.

•A silver 1989 Lincoln Continental was reported stolen from a south parking lot on Eureka road between Dec. 8 and 9.

•Various pieces of jewelry were reported stolen from a Harrison street home on Dec. 10. Entrance was gained through an unsecured window

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Pastor resigns, then leaves city

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The Rev. Donald (Mike) McClellan, pastor of the Romulus Wesleyan Church and member of the city's Downtown Development Authority, surprisingly resigned his pastorate here recently and left the denomination, church officials revealed last week.

While strong rumors sped around Romulus about possible ethical problems involving the well respected pastor, Wesleyan Superintendent Kenneth Boschee refused to give any reason for McClellan's sudden departure.

When asked pointedly for a reason for McClellan's speedy exit from the church, Boschee answered "if that question is for a newspaper story my answer is 'no comment,'" the superintendent said bluntly.

But Boschee said the historic church at Five Points is now being served on weekends by interim pastor Evangelist Bruce Howell of Kalamazoo.

McClellan had served the Romulus church for the past seven and a half years and was one of the organizers of the

highly successful (multi-denominational) Romulus Good Friday procession and service at Kennedy Park (adjacent to the more than century old church building).

In recent years he also con-

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Donald (Mike) McClellan

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR
EYEWITNESS
NEWSPAPER THIS WEEKEND!

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of the Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING
November 25, 1996

A Regular Meeting of the Van Buren Board of Education was held at Rawsonville Elementary School on Monday, November 25, 1996, at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Karl Gorham, David Peer, Martha Toth, Thomas Bowles, and Vesta Losen. Absent: Susan Ward Callahan. Also present were Superintendent James Richendollar, Director of Business Thomas Wall, Director of Instruction Larry Tabor, and Manager of Employee Relations and Personnel Louise Williamson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President Karl Gorham.

Questions and comments were heard from the audience.

Motion by Vesta Losen, supported by Martha Toth, that the minutes of the previous meeting of November 11, 1996, be approved as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Martha Toth, supported by Thomas Bowles, that the following requested changes in support staff be approved as presented: Beverly Porter be hired as a bus driver effective November 26, 1996, and Judy Musselman (bus driver) be granted termination of employment effective October 25, 1996. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas Bowles, supported by Martha Toth, that Gwendolyn Nelson (teacher-Tyler/Elwell) be granted termination of employment effective November 30, 1996. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent James Richendollar reported on District School Improvement Team applicants Tonya Porzondek and Thomas Fielder and recommended their placement on the School Improvement Team. He asked them to contact Director of Instruction Larry Tabor to be informed on the School Improvement Team activities, schedules, ect.

Superintendent James Richendollar announced that Rawsonville Elementary School has been selected as a Title I Exemplary School by the Michigan Department of Education based on MEAP scores. A standing ovation was given in honor of the staff's accomplishments on behalf of students.

Rawsonville School staff presented a school vision for improving learning as described by the School Improvement Team.

Director of Business Thomas Wall presented the amended 1996-97 budget. The board discussed the possibility of cutting areas of the budget in order to free up the dollars for building renovation and maintenance, based on Thomas Bowles request to examine the budget for that purpose. Line items 5-7 were recommended by Thomas Bowles for possible reduction because these items are not state mandated and the board might have some flexibility. Vesta Losen said she didn't have adequate time to review the budget. Thomas Wall suggested discussion of areas where cuts could be made within the five-year plan to avoid short changing students who might not benefit from cuts in the immediate future. Thomas Bowles suggested submitting in writing to finance committee ideas/suggestions that would decrease costs. Motion by Martha Toth, supported David Peer, to accept budget as presented. Ayes: Peer, Gorham, Toth. Nays: Bowles and Losen. Motion failed.

Memorandums will be sent out to notify persons that the budget is frozen. A special meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 16, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the BHS Food Service Center for further discussion on the budget.

Superintendent James Richendollar requested approval of the nine questions presented for school board applicants to respond to and return to the Superintendent's Office by Friday, November 29. Motion by Vesta Losen, supported by Thomas Bowles, to approve the nine questions as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Copies will be distributed to all board members on November 29. School board applicants are: Joseph Brooks, Sherry Frazier, Mary Jo Marsh, Ralph A. Nodwell, Patricia Publiski, and Charles A. Turvey.

Interviews will be held will all applicants present. Six questions, submitted by current board of education members, will be asked on a rotating basis. Questions from board members are to be submitted to Superintendent's Office by December 2. They will be given to President Karl Gorham who will alternately present questions until each applicant has had the opportunity to be the first to respond.

The Administration Committee (Karl Gorham, David Peer, Thomas Bowles) and Superintendent James Richendollar presented a format to be used for the selection process. Motion by Thomas Bowles, supported by Martha Toth, that the format be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A special meeting will be held on Monday, December 2, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the BHS Food Service Center to conduct the interviews. Karl Gorham commended the applicants for their interest in serving the community. He also stated that it is the board's intention to appoint a new board member that evening following the interviews.

Principal Theresa Green and Manager of Plant Operations & Maintenance Edward Randolph presented Rawsonville School's building needs summary listing a million dollars worth of items of priority concerns just for the Rawsonville School building.

Amended budget for December 9. Superintendent James Richendollar asked board to rethink decision about budget. Director of Instruction Larry Tabor expressed concern that budget freeze impacts staff development and other issues. President Karl Gorham directed Larry Tabor to talk to Thomas Wall to see if there are alternatives to setting aside projects.

Superintendent James Richendollar asked to have approval of \$25,000 allotted for professional development despite budget freeze. Motion by Thomas Bowles, supported by Vesta Losen, to allocate \$10,000 for professional development to meet immediate needs. Thomas Wall reminded the board that \$11,000 for professional development was already in the budget from July. Larry Tabor said much of the \$11,000 has already been spent. Motion amended by Thomas Bowles, supported by Vesta Losen, to allocate an additional \$10,000 over the \$11,000 for professional development in this year's budget for total of \$21,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Tour of Rawsonville School building was held. Motion by Vesta Losen, supported by Martha Toth, that an executive session following building tour for the purpose of contract negotiations strategy. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular meeting recessed at 9:35 p.m. to tour building.

The executive session commenced at 10:20 p.m.

Motion by David Peer, supported by Thomas Bowles, that the executive session be adjourned and return to the regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive session adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Motion by David Peer, supported by Thomas Bowles, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Regular meeting adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

Martha Toth, Secretary Pro Tem

Deborah Havens,
Recording Secretary
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Military news shows accomplishments

The following servicemen and women from Canton have been recognized for their accomplishments while serving in the armed services.

- Army Pvt. Marcus W. Frazier has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, in Radcliff, Ky.

During the training, trainees received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice and more.

- Frazier is the son of Sheila W. Frazier of Canton.

- Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class John G. Sheeney, son of John M. and Teresa M. Sheeney of Canton recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, homeported in San Diego.

Sheeney's new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore commands around the world.

- Sheeney is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and he joined the Navy in January, 1994.

- Marine 2nd Lt. Jeffrey R. Kenney, son of Janna L. Kenney of Canton recently graduated from the Basic School at Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Quantico, Va.

During the 26 week course, newly-commissioned officers like Kenney are prepared for assignment to the Fleet Marine Force.

Kenney is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and joined the Marine Corps in January, 1996.

- Patricia A. DeCoster has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of master sergeant.

DeCoster is a first sergeant at the MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla. She is the daughter of John R. DeCoster of Canton and Belva M. Daly of Dearborn.

- Marine Lance Cpl. Ronald K. Cullen, whose wife, Tiffany is the daughter of Mark and Roxanne Smith of Canton is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) embarked aboard the ships of the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

Recently Cullen participated in one of NATO's largest exercises in southern Europe. Approximately 7,500 allied Sailors and Marines from Belgium, Canada, France, Ger-

many, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom participated in a combined air, land and sea exercise that may be required to support amphibious operations in the region.

Cullen is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and joined the Marine Corps in December, 1994.

- Marine Cpl. Michael G. Schut, a 1988 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

Schut, along with more than 2,000 Marines of the 24th MEU, departed their home base of Camp Lejeune, N.C. in June. The ARG includes the amphibious assault and flag ship USS Saipan, the amphibious transport dock ship USS Austin and the dock landing ship USS Gunston Hall.

Schut joined the Marine Corps in December, 1993.

- Navy Seaman James A. Nance, a 1992 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterra-

nean and Adriatic Seas while serving aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Austin.

Nance is one of more than 3,000 Sailors and Marines aboard the ship, who have traveled 11,000 miles since departing their home port of Norfolk, Va., as part of the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

Nancy and shipmates have been involved in training exercises in the Black Sea with navies from Greece, Turkey, Italy, Germany, Romania and the Ukraine.

Nance joined the Navy in February, 1994.

- Navy Seaman Apprentice Brian M. Paul, a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School recently graduated from the Electronic Warfare Technician Basic Operations Course at the Naval Technical Training Center, Corry Station in Pensacola, Fla.

During the course, Paul received training concerning the performance and characteristics of electronic systems used to detect, analyze and identify electronic emissions. Paul also learned the procedures needed to energize, initialize, operate, intercept and de-energize these systems.

Cookbook features recipes for venison

By LORI GILLESPIE
MCN Staff Writer

Does your freezer runneth over? Have you cooked venison every way you know to? Are you weary of trying to make it taste better? Well, ask no more, because *The Complete Venison Cookbook* has all the answers.

"Venison does not have to taste bad." This simple statement is the driving force behind Harold Webster's search to discover why the venison he was served in his youth bore no resemblance to the venison described by his grandfather. So, he set about on a life's venture to develop recipes and to rediscover the harvesting techniques and cooking procedures that would make cooking and eating venison a pleasure rather than an ordeal.

"There is absolutely no reason why your venison should not taste as good as the finest grain-fed beef," Webster said.

In *The Complete Venison Cookbook*, Webster explains that venison is virtually a low-fat or no-fat meat, and the moisture is quickly pulled out of it when it is cooked. He explains that the meat can be kept moist by wrapping it with other moist meats, such as bacon.

"Ground venison for burgers, sausages and other ground venison recipes are best with a small amount of beef suet, pork fat, bacon or mushrooms ground in with the

"There is absolutely no reason why your venison should not taste as good as the finest grain-fed beef."
- Harold Webster

venison," Webster explains.

The recipe for Old Time Hunter's Venison Sausage Patties is: 2 tablespoons salt, 2 teaspoons black pepper, 3/4 teaspoon mace, 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg, 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves, 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice, 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder, 4 pounds boneless venison (cut into 1-1/2 inch cubes), 4 pounds boneless pork butt or shoulder (cut 1-1/2 inch cubes); Sprinkle combined seasonings over meat cubes in a large bowl. Toss until well coated. Grind with a fine disc and shape into patties or stuff into sheep casings. Freeze in meal-size portions.

Webster's book solves the riddle of why venison is tough and has a strong taste, and how to prevent it completely. He also includes over 250 recipes that compliment venison, plus recipes for canning, drying, sausage making, smoking, pickling and preserving venison.

The Complete Venison Cookbook (paper-bound with lie-flat binding, 432 pages) is available for \$19.95 in local sports, outdoor, and gift shops, or direct from the publisher by calling (800) 343- 1583.



Winner

Belleville Mayor Dennis Fassett won a fruit basket at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas party. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

Hayes Wheels receives contract

Hayes Wheels International, Inc., has received a contract from General Motors Corporation to supply fabricated aluminum wheels for several of the automaker's mid-size vehicle platforms, as well as the Chevrolet Lumina, Oldsmobile Silhouette and Pontiac Trans Sport minivans, beginning with the 1997 model year.

Shipment of the lightweight fabricated aluminum wheels began in July from the com-

pany's manufacturing facility in Romulus.

"This contract is indicative of the continued effort by automakers to reduce vehicle weight," said Ron Cucuz, chairman and chief executive officer. "Since its introduction in 1994, our lightweight fabricated aluminum wheel technology has been chosen by several leading auto manufacturers in the U.S. and Europe to meet their weight-reduction requirements without sacrificing strength or quality."

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of the Board of Education
SPECIAL MEETING
December 2, 1996

A Special Meeting of the Van Buren Board of Education was held in the Belleville High School Food Service Center on Monday, December 2, 1996, at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Karl Gorham, Martha Toth, David Peer, Vesta Losen, Thomas Bowles, and Susan Ward Callahan. Also present were Superintendent James Richendollar, Director of Business Thomas Wall, Director of Instruction Larry Tabor, and Manager of Employee Relations and Personnel Louise Williamson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Karl Gorham.

The purpose of the meeting was to interview candidates for the school board vacancy created by the termination of member Sharry Budd. Appointment would be until June 30, 1997. The six candidates were: Joseph Brooks, Sherry Frazier, Mary Jo Marsh, Ralph A. Nodwell, Patricia Publiski, and Charles A. Turvey.

Questions and comments were heard from the audience. A petition with 532 signatures was presented to the board by Rick Atkins and Carrie DeJonghe on behalf of Ralph Nodwell, Mary Jo Marsh, or Sherry Frazier.

Interviews of candidates were held. Discussion was held. Motion by David Peer, supported by Martha Toth, that Ralph A. Nodwell be appointed to replace Sharry Budd until June 30, 1997. Motion carried unanimously. Ralph Nodwell to take office on December 9, 1996. Motion by Martha Toth, supported by Susan Ward Callahan, that the meeting be recessed and the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategy. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting recessed at 8:55 p.m.

Motion by David Peer, supported by Thomas Bowles, that the executive session be adjourned and return the special meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Executive session adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Motion by David Peer, supported by Thomas Bowles, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Special meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Martha Toth, Secretary Pro Tem

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Charter Township of Van Buren Treasurer's Office HOLIDAY HOURS

Taxes can be paid at the Treasurer's Office:

Dec. 24 - Dec. 25, 1996	CLOSED
Dec. 26, 27, 30 1996:	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Dec. 31 - Jan. 1, 1997:	CLOSED
Jan. 2, 1997	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Following Banks will also accept payment of your Winter 1996 Property Tax Bill during their regular business hours;

Comerica Bank - Belleville Road
NBD Bank - Main Street
NBD Bank - Haggerty Road

PAYMENTS POSTMARKED DEC. 31, 1996 will be processed using that date. For more information, call 699-8903.

Sharry Budd
Treasurer

Winter property taxes are payable without penalty through February 28, 1997.

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ROMULUS NEWS DIGEST

Students named to honor roll

Two Romulus students attending Northwood University in Midland have been named to the fall dean's list.

The students are sophomore Tim D. Enright and freshman Harold L. Goodman. Enright is the son of Debra Hassberger and Goodman is the son of Harold and Dorothy Goodman all of Romulus.

Romulus resident in Air Force

Air Force Airman Terry D. Smigielski, son of Terry and Paula Smigielski of Romulus, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex.

Girl

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financial donation to the family can send a check to the "Cymonne Pyles Medical Fund" at the NBD facility at 10421 Middlebelt rd., Romulus, 48174 or give it personally to any of the friends' committee.

The Pyles family also contains two other children, a second daughter, Tarah, 7; and a son, Brock, 11.

Killer

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in an attached garage, police said.

- Christmas tree lights were reported stolen and wires slashed for the second time at a house on Springhill road on Dec. 11.
- A 20 inch chrome Submission BMX bike was reported stolen from the backporch of an Orchard street home on Dec. 12.
- A laptop computer was reported stolen from a hotel room on Merriman road on Dec. 13.
- A word processor was reported stolen on Dec. 13 from an upstairs room in a home on Wahrman road. It was last seen on Thanksgiving Day.
- Jewelry, cash, golf clubs and various instruments including a guitar and drum were reported stolen from a Ridgebrook Path home on Dec. 14. Burglar entered a rear bedroom window.
- Two Big Lots employees of Taylor were robbed of their bank deposit bag filled with cash and a 1991 maroon-grey Dodge Caravan on Dec. 15 just before they were about to deposit the money at the NBD facility's deposit drop box.

One suspect was described as a slender black male about 5 feet 4 inches tall, who was wearing a spandex mask and carrying a four inch knife.

He ordered the employee to "drop the bag," while his underscribed accomplice, ordered a woman employee out of the 1991 Dodge Caravan. Bandits then fled with the cash and vehicle.

A passing motorist witnessed the robbery and took the victims to a nearby phone.

- An apartment dweller on Niagra street reported his television, VCR and \$300 in cash were stolen on Dec. 15 while he was out of the apartment, talking to a maintenance man.

Pastor

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ducted Bible studies at the Romulus Middle School and Belleville business operations.

Boschee revealed efforts to replace McClellan could take as long as March. The normal change of pastors for the denomination occurs usually in mid-July, Boschee said.

Bill Crane, chairman of the DDA, said a review of potential candidates to replace McClellan on the DDA board is currently taking place.

It is not known when Mayor William Oakley will make that appointment known.



Middle School Assistant Principal Christine Powers and Senior High School Principal flank eighth grader Taquilla Travis at a recent Student of the Month ceremony. MCN Special Photo

Students of month win bonds, awards

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Sixty three Romulus Middle and Senior High School students were honored recently for being Students of the Month for October at a special ceremony at the high school.

The students, who turned out that night, received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds. All the honored students also received school certificates, special certificates from Michigan Sen. Loren Bennett and verbal comments from their teachers.

Sponsors of the awards also were cited with letters of appreciation.

The honored students included: Latoya Bell, Candice Bingham, Tomeka Boles, Angela Bowdler, David Boyd, Wanakee Burke, Thomas Bussell, Kelly Carroll, Valda Cole, Andrea Deline, Robert Druyor and Shannon Dugan.

Others included Tracie Finley, Aimee Fisher, John Fox, Timothy Garrison, Theresa

Genaw, William Gibson, Megan Gilliland, Kristin Godard, Heather Gonlea, Natalie Griffith, Stephen Harper, Kylene Harris, Carla Harris, Stephanie Henry, Shannon Herauf, Rebecca Hill, Moriah Holbrook, Heidi Holloway, Danielle Judy and Shantia Kendrick.

Also were Scott Kennedy, Chauntaya King, Erika Lachcik, Tracy Lafehr, James Lee, Larry Lindenmuth, Myra Lockhart, Makenzie Logan, Amber Long, Brian Longre, Victor Lucacaj, Michael Madison, Nicole McKinney, Felicia Middlebrooks and Devon Mootry.

In addition were Margaret Nehlia, Jennifer Ottenbreit, David Pardon, Nicole Parsons, Shawna Pattenaude, Emily Schulz, Charles Searcy, Theresa Shelley, Kristen Singer, Sabrina Stetler, Taquilla Travis, Tyron Truitt, Klonta Turrentine, Kris Weimer, Amanda Williams and Ray Woodrow.

School of choice ruling due today

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The judicial decision as to whether Romulus can continue operating a school of choice in Detroit slated for Tuesday has been delayed until today.

Romulus School Superintendent Dr. William Bedell said his office was notified Monday that Circuit Court Judge Kathleen McDonald would be handing down her decision today.

The case was initiated by a

lawsuit filed by the Detroit School District seeking to block the Romulus-Baron's Schools Inc. from continuing their classes for more than 1,000 former Detroit school dropouts.

State school officials, legislators and school districts across the state are watching how McDonald rules in this case, as it could change the state's outlook on future school of choice options.

Detroit school leaders have termed the Romulus action "school piracy."

EMS worker faces 2 sex complaints

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A pair of criminal sexual assault charges against a 28-year-old Romulus area Community EMS worker will be heard in Wayne County Circuit Court on Jan. 27.

The defendant, Jason Goldsmith of Farmington Hills, was to appear before Circuit Court Judge Kathleen McDonald last week, but the hearing was postponed when several state witnesses did not appear.

According to Romulus Police Lt. Daniel Snyder, a female EMS employee charged that Goldsmith sexually assaulted her about 5 a.m. on July 15.

The EMS attendants work 24 hour shifts, Snyder said, and the victim stated she took a brief nap at the Romulus EMS office on Goddard Road after a health call run.

When the alleged victim woke up she found Goldsmith on top of her, Snyder said.

Wertz among 'Who's who among students'

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus resident Jane Elizabeth Wertz, who plans to become a teacher upon graduation from Madonna University, will be among the students listed in the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Wertz is a senior majoring in science and also serves as vice president of the Student Michigan Education Association chapter and is a member of the Sigma Xi chapter of Kappa Delta Pi.

Students are nominated based on their scholastic and community achievements.



Jane Wertz

Is Rarey too sarcastic?

Does Jim Rarey aid or diminish the public's right to know in Romulus?

Rarey for more than a year now has been attending each Romulus City Council meeting. And more often than not, he poses questions for city council members or persons seated in the mayor's office to answer.

In recent weeks the banter between Rarey and city officials has gotten increasingly sharp.

In the past the strongest words pressed on Rarey have come from Mayor pro tem Randolph Gear and Councilman William Wadsworth.

But last week even Mayor William Oakley and Councilman William Crova chided Rarey's recent comments.

But despite the criticism, Rarey has his supporters including Council members Jimmie Raspberry and Mary Collins.

While he may drive some in City Hall crazy with his requests, this writer also finds Rarey an important part of the chemistry of Romulus politics.

Every city and town across the U.S. needs an alternate voice in the council chambers. Some are lucky and find an elected official provides that service. Other cities find that inquisitor sits on the other side of the council desks.

Having seen nights a few years ago when sometimes only Collins (before her election to council) and this writer

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Citizen critic Jim Rarey's efforts to press the Oakley administration for information on "compensated absences" by city employees ran into some widespread flak from city officials last week.

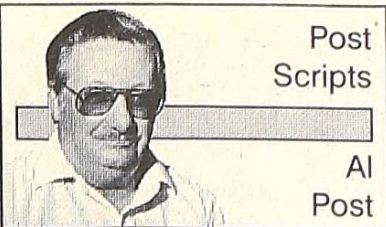
Rarey rose at the City Council session to state "actual charges to compensated absences in the October budget report appear to be out of sync with the 1996-97 city budget."

He told Mayor William Oakley and members of the City Council that he had dropped off his informational request earlier in the day at the city's Finance Office, the Mayor's office and the City Clerk's office and made officials aware that he would be asking the printed questions that night.

Among the questions Rarey asked was one that sought a response about "What types of absences are compensated for under current (city) policy and union contracts?"

Councilman William Crova hit Rarey's weekly questions, stating many including the ones listed in connection with the "compensated absences" issue, should be addressed in the mayor's office instead of before the cameras on council night.

Rarey admitted he probably



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were the only non-elected persons in the council chambers, it is good to see active persons such as Rarey, R.P. Lilly and some other "regulars" attending the council sessions.

Usually that also guarantees they also will show up on election day. We need more public involvement rather than less, so I applaud their efforts to heighten the public's interest in the council sessions.

Many nights if it wasn't for the public portion of the meetings, the media could fall asleep.

I often chuckle when I think of a former Romulus school official, who use to call the media "a necessary evil."

This writer use to chide him by saying "I bet you don't think we even are always necessary either, do you?"

A huge smile would cross his face as he would good-naturedly shake his head sideways.

GOOD NEWS NEEDED--After looking at today's front page you will surely realize

Officials bite back at Rarey

I do not feel that people have to go the the Mayor if they have a question.

- Jimmie Raspberry

didn't allow city officials enough time to research the issue, but stated he asked the questions at public meetings, because he was sure that others wanted to know the answers also.

Rarey thus said he was willing to defer receiving answers until the next council meeting on Monday night.

Oakley claiming Rarey likes to play "his games" at such council sessions, stated that he usually doesn't include information in the council packet that arrives after Thursday (prior to the next meeting) or possibly Friday.

Thus he did not expect Finance Director Debra Hoffman to respond to Rarey in less than 24 hours.

Oakley was miffed also that Rarey was asking the city's legislative body questions about the administration.

Councilman William Wadsworth hit Rarey's weekly

that the area needs some good news. As I have told many readers in the past and will repeat today...call me with your good news. I don't have to hunt for bad news, it always finds me.

WHEN IS ROMULUS NIGHT?--Once again I repeat that with two former Romulus basketball stars (Grant Long and Terry Mills) on the Detroit Piston team, area residents are wondering when a special night would be set aside for Romulus residents at a Pistons' home game. Wouldn't it be great if it could be done when the Toronto Raptors (with another former Romulus star John Long aboard) are in town.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS, PRAYERS NEEDED--The family of young Cymonne Pyles of Romulus needs all the cash and prayers available during this season of hope and love. Even if your money is already committed this holiday season, Romulus residents are known to have an over supply of love and prayers. So please send it Cymonne's way!

MORE HELP NEEDED--Speaking of love and prayers, a good helping of both are also needed for members of the Romulus Wesleyan Church during this holiday season, following the departure of their former pastor.

visits to the council sessions stating he likes to intertwine "sly comments and sly remarks" with his questions such as "paving the downtown roads with gold, etc."

However Council members Jimmie Raspberry and Mary Collins supported Rarey's appearances before the council.

Raspberry said "I have a different view. I do not feel that people have to go to the Mayor if they have a question. They can go to anyone of us or other city officials to seek answers. I applaud Rarey for asking questions. He is a citizen and he usually prints out his questions for us to study and get answers."

He added "I guess Rarey gets under someone's skin here."

Collins, who prior to her election often attended council meetings and asked extensive questions, stated "I've sat on both sides of this microphone. While I'm not always in agreement on how Rarey asks questions, I feel he has the right to ask them and press the city further if he is not happy with the answers."

She continued "we may not like all his questions. But if so-then that is tough."

Both Raspberry and Wadsworth asked that Rarey receive printed answers from the city prior to Monday's meeting.

Lilly files harassment rap

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

R.P. Lilly, one of the area's most vocal anti-injection well spokespersons, has filed a harassment complaint against Environmental Disposal Systems official Austin Marshall for calls made to Lilly's home in Huron Township.

Lilly complains that someone called his home at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 3 and asked for his Fax number.

Lilly said when he asked the caller's name, the caller hung up. But since the Lilly phone is equipped with caller ID, Lilly said he could identify the call coming from the EDS office in Romulus.

"Almost an hour later another call was made and I asked my wife to answer it this time," Lilly said. "This time the caller identified himself as Mr. Lewis from Merrell Publishing, but my wife recognized the voice to be that of Marshall," Lilly continued.

Mrs. Lilly told Marshall that she was going to call the police because of the harassing communications and quoted him as saying "I'm sorry you feel that way."

Huron Police reports say that Marshall allegedly called

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- R.P. Lilly

Lilly's number after receiving papers with the phone number on it. Marshall said an assistant called the number first and found it was a Fax number.

Marshall told police he later called the number also and "admitted using a false name and company to protect himself, because he did not know who he was talking to."

Marshall insists that the EDS calls were not an attempt

at harassment.

But Lilly complains that EDS knows his home number and Fax number and have used it before.

In addition, Lilly said, "on the bottom or top of all the documents sent by my Fax machine there is an identification ribbon which shows my company name and number. Thus they didn't have to call to find this out."

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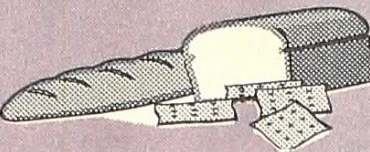
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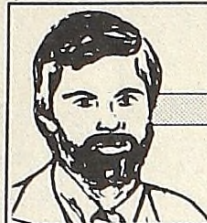
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Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox

We were reminded of Gawley's struggles and his desire to give his sister and niece a memorable Christmas when Kimberly Huhn wrote us a couple of days ago.

"Last Christmas MCN helped my friend Danny Gawley's Christmas Wish come true. He had AIDS and wanted his sister and her daughter to have a nice last holiday together. You made it come true. Thank you. Please use my small donation to help other families' wishes come true."

Thanks for the donation, Kimberly. We are busy purchasing toys, clothes, food and miscellaneous items for scores of needy families this year. Tomorrow and Monday we will be delivering the items to families all over Western Wayne County.

But without your help and the help of other giving individuals this program could not grow like it has. We implemented the first Christmas Wish program three years ago, providing food and clothing to a couple of dozen needy families. This year the families we will help numbers in the hundreds.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the generosity of two area businesses, Environmental Disposal Services (EDS) opened up its pocketbook and offered up a substantial cash donation. So did American Auto Repair in Plymouth and Westland. These businesses along with Lear Seating, Tri-County Mattress, Tyme Auto, etc. were extremely generous to our fund this year.

It was good to see that Belleville Mayor Dennis Fassett survived a recall attempt in the city of Belleville. In this writer's opinion, recall efforts should be restricted to extreme misdeeds by a public official, and that was certainly not the case here, where Citizens for a Better Belleville instigated the recall based on the fact that the mayor had voted against stopping an investigation of three city officials.

Now, hopefully the Council and Mayor will be able to bury the hatchet and work on projects that will improve the city. Fassett appears to have a lot of good ideas but he needs to attempt to bring them to fruition by working within the system and with the people who have been entrenched in power for years.

Curiously, only 700 out of 2,468 registered voters bothered to go to the polls last Tuesday. For what was perceived an extremely "hot" issue, the 377-312 tally was disappointing. Maybe most of Belleville voters were disgusted with the process and decided not to vote for either side.



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Party tips provided

To the editor:

The approaching holiday season will be marked by happy moments with family and friends, gift-giving and holiday parties where adults celebrate the season. Yet for all the enjoyment these parties can provide, it is important to remember that holiday entertaining is serious business — anyone hosting or attending a holiday party should not only consider their guests, but friends and neighbors with who we all share the road.

The fact is that responsible drinking and safe driving during the holidays is everyone's responsibility. So if you plan to host a holiday party in the weeks ahead, clip the following list of responsible party tips and post it on the refrigerator as a reminder:

- Ask guests who among them will volunteer to be designated drivers.
- Always serve food with alcohol beverages. High-protein foods like cheese and meat help moderate the effects of alcohol.
- Don't force drinks on your guests.
- Make non-alcohol beverages available to your guests.
- Close the bar an hour before the party ends so your guests have a non-drinking

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period before driving home.

Close the bar an hour before the party ends so your guests have a non-drinking period before driving home.

If — despite your best efforts — someone has had too much to drink, arrange transportation home with another guest, drive the person yourself, call a cab, or ask your guest to spend the night. Do not let that person drive home.

With a little simple planning, all of us can do our part to make the holiday season enjoyable and safe this year. On behalf of the entire Central Distributors of Beer, Inc. family, happy holidays.

Bill Ventola
Special Events
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Charity work continues

To the editor:

One year ago the Society of St. Vincent De Paul lost its central warehousing, sorting, distribution, and service center on Gratiot Avenue in Detroit in a spectacular fire. It was complete loss.

While the fire was still smoldering, the community was mobilizing to help the Society during those difficult days. Kmart made one of its buildings in

Melvindale available for us to use as a temporary warehouse. Thousands of generous individuals, families, and corporations from Detroit and all over the U.S. came forward with financial and material help to see us through that catastrophe. The response of our friends, neighbors, and former clients was tremendous and humbling at the same time. We made it through those days because of your love and concern for the individuals and families that we help through the most difficult times in their lives. We thank you and love you for that!

Since last December, we have been working very hard to stabilize our operations and to replace the facilities that we need to fulfill our twofold mission of helping those in need and working to discover and eliminate the root causes of poverty. We will have more to tell you about the Society's plans over the next few months. With the continuing help of our friends we are confident that we will return from these challenging days even stronger and more capable of helping those in need pull themselves up and out of poverty.

On behalf of our 2,000 Vincentian volunteers in Lapeer, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, and Wayne counties, and the trustees and staff of the Society, I want to thank you for all that you have done to help us help others for the past 112 years. Your incredibly generous response since the fire reminds us of how much we as a society

need one another.

Our Christmas gift to you is serving as a wonderful reflection of your generosity to one another. Keep that concern and warm feeling alive for all the years to come. The Society of St. Vincent De Paul will be there with you to help. During these days of thanks and reflection on how blessed we are in 1996, let's remember those who are suffering in the manacles of poverty and act personally to help them in any way that we can.

God bless you.
James A. Dumont
Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Students seek homes

To the editor:

It is the dream of many teenagers to visit a foreign land and learn about a new culture. With the assistance of the Academic Year in America program, the dream of many young students becomes a reality. Academic Year in America is a not-for-profit organization which promotes the idea of cross cultural awareness through international exchange.

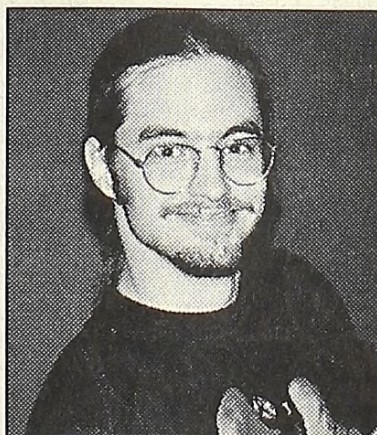
Our high school aged students arrive in January to spend five months with American families. Currently, we are searching for families interested in opening their hearts and homes to students from countries like Brazil, Germany and Argentina.

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FOOTNOTES: What would you like under your tree this Christmas?



Alana Tucker
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Cliff Carpenter
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Academic Year in America, which is sponsored by the not-for-profit American Institute For Foreign Study Foundation, has been bringing foreign students and American families together for the past 15 years. Students range in age from 15 to 18 years old and arrive from Brazil, Germany and Argentina with their own medical insurance and spending money.

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Amy Mullen
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Spy story recalled

To the editor:

Hiss is dead. Now another stands accused of conspiring to sell information to Russia. Harold J. Nicholson, CIA officer, will probably become the cause and darling of the liberal left, as Hiss was to the very end.

Ivins and other liberal columnists protest even today that maybe the Country pushed too hard for conviction of Alger Hiss as a spy, that he may not have done what a great deal of evidence proved he did, that Whittaker Chambers was a scoundrel who was responsible for Hiss' identification as a traitor, that maybe what Hiss did was not so bad after all, suggesting that a move toward a socialist America was desirable however accomplished.

The socialist cause has been abandoned in many countries of the world and is dying in others. It seems strange, that of all the countries in the world, the United States remains a bastion for many to advance the collectivist configuration. With socialist mentalities in abundance pervading our pulpits and our schools, there are many who would see to it that we will finally become a socialist nation. The most recent attempt to accomplish a government medicine program is the latest foray to beget the liberal, big government arrangement the socialist re-

lently pursues.

The morally bankrupt left still won't let go of the Hiss martyrdom. Expect no less wailing and protest by the liberal mentality as the Nicholson prosecution proceeds.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Where are tax dollars

To the editor:

I think the readers of this newspaper and the taxpayers of Wayne County should realize what Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara is doing with our tax dollars. There is supposed to be \$55 million going to our roads each year. Have you seen \$55 million in road repairs? I bet you haven't.

Now, McNamara is refusing to show us the county's checkbook. I'm glad Senator Loren Bennett has been interested in finding out what's going on with our money -- because McNamara either doesn't know, or he's hiding something. And to think, we pay McNamara for this kind of service!

Val Wolf
Wayne

Missing child found

To the editor:

Thank You for assisting the National Center in the search for missing children. The distribution of missing children's photographs is an important step towards the recovery of these children. One in seven children is recovered as a result of someone recognizing the child's photo and alerting authorities.

Due to everyone's effort and support, the Center is pleased to inform you that Linda Couch has been located. As soon as it is possible for you to do so, please remove her photograph from circulation.

D'Ann Taffin
Office of Public Affairs

Computers 'recycled'

To the editor:

While getting ready for the holidays occupied much of our time in December, another date is fast approaching, April 15. In making plans for that day, we would ask that you check your home or office for a computer that you are no longer using.

The Downriver Community Conference (DCC) Board of Directors, has approved a plan to recycle used computers. Working with the American Association of Retired People (AARP), we will accept used

computers, ensure they are working, and re-donate them to local public school districts.

To qualify for a tax deduction this year, computers must be received by DCC, prior to the 31st of December. Computers donated after that date, will qualify for a tax deduction the next year. Those who donate a computer, will receive a letter of acceptance from DCC, along with a copy of our IRS designation of a 501C3. This will allow the individual or company eligible for a write off on their federal taxes.

Please contact Cari Moody at 313-281-0700, extension 173, for additional information, or to arrange a donation.

James L. Jones
DDC Executive Dir.

Thanks to community

To the editor:

As the year ends with the hectic pace of the holidays, it is important to everyone at Community Hospice Services that we express our gratitude for your support during 1996.

From everyone at Community Hospice Services, we extend to you, your staff, families and loved ones, our sincere wishes for holidays filled with peace and love, and a healthy and successful New Year.

The Staff
Community Hospice Services

Holiday blues are easy to cure

With the holidays being identified with red and green, why are people "blue" at Christmas? Why is it that some folks have nothing but a "bah humbug" to reply to a "Merry Christmas?"

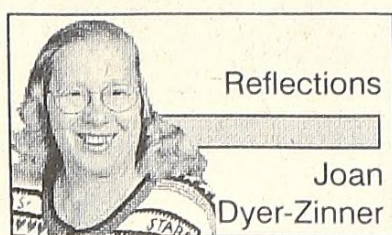
The answer is a phenomenon called the Christmas Blues, a malady that descends on some people at the same time as others are experiencing euphoria and excitement.

Of course, some individuals experience tragedies during the holidays -- severe illness, a death in the family, the breakup of a marriage -- and their sadness is expected and appropriate.

It is the other people who express their negativism, or Scroogism, during the holiday season that I find fault with. When everyone else around them is joyous, they are gloomy -- bound to put a damper on the celebrations.

For them, I have two simple pieces of advice to raise them from their doldrums: Don't expect the unachievable to happen, and celebrate the holidays in your own way.

In my experience, most of those suffering from the Christmas Blues are really anguishing from unfulfilled, unrealistic expectations about the holidays.



Reflections

Joan
Dyer-Zinner

They expect that things will be different than they usually are just because the holidays are here. In other words, they erroneously believe that their children won't quibble and argue; that those afflicted with addictions will put them aside; that their pets won't try to sample turkey off the guests' plates; that the gifts they give will be appreciated, and that they won't have a "bad hair" day.

Take my word for it, Christmas is not a season of perfection. The youngsters will quibble over whose gift is better; Uncle Henry will guzzle down the cooking wine; Spotty will grab a turkey leg from the platter; Johnny will say "I've already got one" when he opens his gift from grandma, and the hostess' hair-do will probably be a hair-don't!

But, so what? If you've dealt with the imperfections in your family the rest of the year, why not do so during the holiday

season? Of course, we can always hope that their better nature will prevail, just don't count on it.

Secondly, celebrate the holidays in your own way -- not the way it is in the magazines or in the television specials. Think of some ways to celebrate and carry through with your ideas.

For example, pile the family into the car and drive around to view the Christmas decorations if that is what you want to do or attend one of the traditional holiday performances of *The Nutcracker* or *A Christmas Carol*. Whatever you plan for the holiday season, make sure it is meaningful to you.

Don't bake Christmas cookies this year if you don't want to (there are a lot of wonderful bakeries around town that do a fantastic job of that,) and don't invite 20 people over for Christmas dinner if you are tired of holiday entertaining (there are many restaurants that offer elegant holiday dinners, or perhaps someone else in the family will take your place as hostess).

If you still feel like Scrooge, then bring holiday joy to someone else though the Good-fellows, the Salvation Army or your church. Spreading joy to others is sure to uplift your spirit.

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Is 'ism' the Grinch that stole Christmas?

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
MCN Managing Editor

Traditionally, schools have hosted Christmas Concerts to celebrate the holiday season, but gradually the word "Christmas" has been replaced with the words "Winter" or "Holiday" to identify the concert.

The change in vocabulary has gone almost unnoticed. That is until last week when Rob Trower attended what he expected to be the Christmas Concert at Hoover Elementary School.

Not so! The concert he attended was called the Winter Concert, and it caused Trower to wonder why.

When he expressed his concern to parents of youngsters at the school, they seemed to share his concern, he said.

"I haven't talked to one individual who didn't support me in the matter of the Christmas Concert," Trower said.

"I wanted to get the facts, so I went to the office of Charles Heard, director of elementary education, and asked him if this new policy is the result of the phenomenon of multiculturalism," Trower said.

According to Heard, "Everyone has kind of just done in on their own. It came down from Lansing, but we haven't received an official directive on it. We have to honor all cultures and be all inclusive."

He said Trower's complaint was the only one.

"Why is Christmas being banned? It's a legal holiday on our calendar. Why can't it be acknowledged in our schools," Trower said. "I want to know where this originated and what pressure groups were involved in its adoption. I want to know why multiculturalism is the Grinch that is stealing Christmas."

Trower feels he must stand up for his opinion, even though he would rather stay in the background and not seek publicity for himself.

"Someone described me as a hero in the fight against multiculturalism, but I'm a reluctant hero. I feel like David fighting Goliath, and I haven't got the power of David," Trower said.

Trower said he discussed his concerns with teachers at Hoover Elementary School where he is a custodian, and they were not aware of the "Christmas controversy."

"When I told people the school was taking Christmas away, they said, 'they can't take away Christmas.' But they have, Trower said.

While Trower seems to feel the traditions that he grew up with, including the Christmas Concerts at school, are being replaced with multicultural symbols, he should take heart -- "Yes Rob, there is a Christmas."

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Entertainment Happenings

Holidays attract new films

With dozens of new releases in theaters, the holiday season offers a variety of films for movie-goers.

Among the new films are:

Space Jam with Michael Jordan, Bugs Bunny and a host of cartoon characters is a delightful family film -- especially geared for youngsters. Rated PG.

Jerry Maguire with Tom Cruise is billed as a "funny and touching" film. "Well worth seeing," said the reviewer. Rated R.

The Preacher's Wife with Denzel Washington and Whitney Houston has good music and features Houston in the title role and Washington as an angel. If it's as good as the original (*The Bishop's Wife*), it should be great entertainment.

The Evening Star with Shirley MacLaine, Bill Baxton, Juliette Lewis, Jack Nicholson and Miranda Richardson. "A tear-jerker, but a sure winner when the Oscars are presented," said the reviewer.

The English Patient, an excellent -- but very long -- film. "Be patient and enjoy it," said the reviewer.

Beavis & Butt-Head Do America a film only for dedicated fans of the MTV duo. Rated PG-13.

The Mirror Has Two Faces with Barbra Streisand and Jeff Bridges is a romantic comedy. "Great film for Streisand fans," reviewer said.

Mars Attacks with all all-star cast -- Jack Nicholson, Glenn Close, Annette Bening, Pierce Brosnan and Danny DeVito is a wacky tale of an invasion from the Red Planet. Rated PG-13.

Daylight with Sylvester Stallone, Amy Brenneman, Stan Shaw and Viggo Mortensen. It is a modern-day disaster movie about the aftermath of an explosion that seals both ends of a tunnel connecting Manhattan and New Jersey -- the Holland? the Lincoln? Rated PG-13.

Santa With Muscles with Hulk Hogan, Ed Begley Jr. and Garrett Morris. This action comedy is about the richest man in the U.S. who gets amnesia and is then convinced by a con man that he is the real Santa Claus. Rated PG.

Star Trek - First Contact with Patrick Stewart. It is the eighth installment of the Star Trek series, and features Capt. Picard and his crew battling a villainous cybernetic life form to restore the future of Earth. "Super film," said reviewer. Rated PG-13.

101 Dalmatians, the animated feature from 1961 comes back as a live remake with Jeff Daniels, Glenn Close, Joely Richardson and Joan Plowright featured. "Enjoyable family entertainment," said reviewer. Rated G.

Bigger Than Life, with Bill Murray and co-starring an elephant. Rated PG.

Foods add flavor to holidays

Bake Ultimate Butter Cookie

Take a tip from master baker/cookbook author Beatrice Ojakangas and get back to basics with the Ultimate Butter Cookie.

Simple, traditional, and -- best of all -- delicious, the Ultimate Butter Cookie combine five ingredients which cooks can infuse with new flavors and textures to create dozens of different cookies.

Ojakangas, a native of Minnesota, writes articles for numerous magazines, including *Bon Appetit* and *Gourmet*, and is scheduled to be a guest on Julia Child's upcoming series, *Baking with Julia*.

Here's her butter cookie recipe:

ULTIMATE BUTTER COOKIE
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, room temperature
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 large egg yolk
2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
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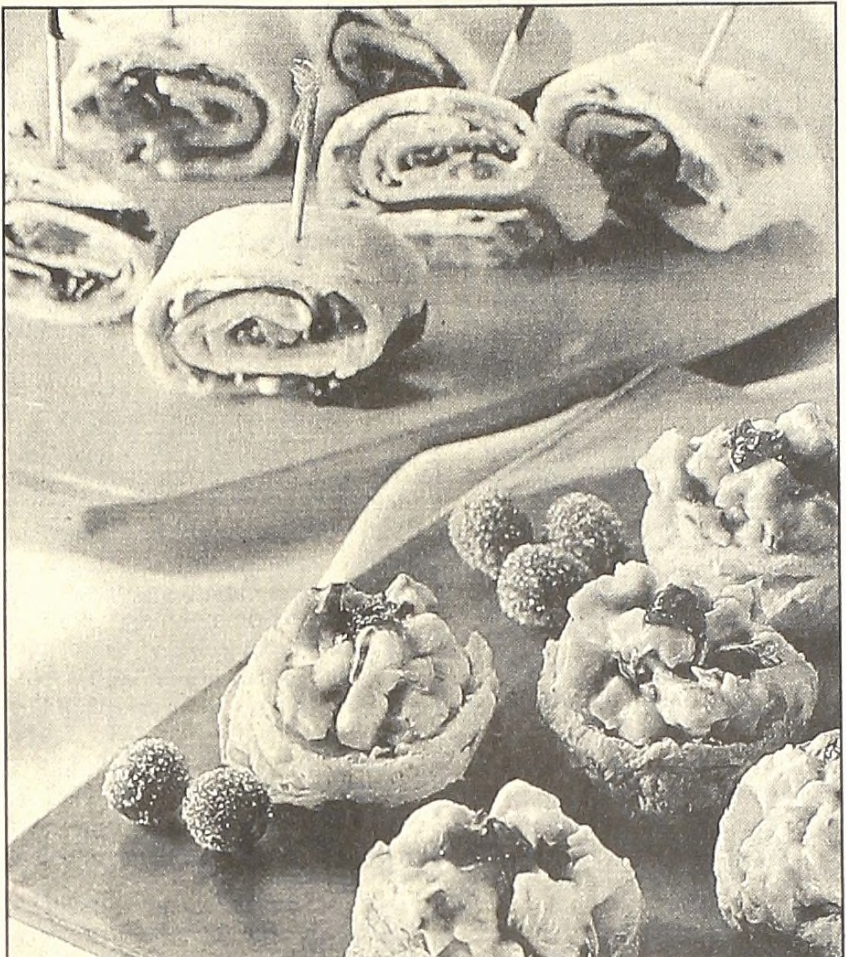
Cream first four ingredients with electric mixer until smooth. Gradually beat in flour. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap, refrigerate one hour or up to two days. (During this time, the flavors blend and develop).

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Roll out dough on lightly-floured surface to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes using holiday cookie cutters. Place on lightly greased cookie sheets. Sprinkle with decorating sugar. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes. Makes 3-1/2 dozen.

PECAN TOFFEE BARS W/ICING
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
1/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 large egg yolk
2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
2/3 cups milk chocolate English toffee bits (or broken up Heath bars)
1/2 cup chopped pecans
BROWNED BUTTER ICING
2 tablespoons butter
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 to 3 teaspoons of milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter, sugars, salt and egg yolk until smooth with an electric mixer. Gradually beat in flour. Mix in toffee bits.

Line a 13-by-9-inch baking pan with heavy duty aluminum foil. Press dough evenly into bottom of baking pan. Sprinkle with pecans and press lightly into dough. Bake until lightly browned, 20 to 22 minutes. Cool.



Turkey Club Tortilla Roll-Ups (top) and Puff Pastries with Cranberry Turkey Salad (bottom) are delicious appetizers.

Offer toasts with 'Great Pretenders'

Each year, AAA Michigan sponsors a contest to locate the best non-alcohol party drinks for the holidays, and this year with the 100th anniversary of the automobile industry as its theme, entries included One for the Roadster, Catalytic Converter, Rumble Seat Sipper and Tootsie Rolls Royce.

Good hosts and hostesses always offer an alternative to alcoholic beverages for those who cannot or choose not to drink. Late in the evening, considerate party-givers bring out coffee and dessert for their guests in addition to providing non-alcohol drinks.

Secretary of State Candice Miller's Traffic Stopping Punch and General Motors CEO John F. Smith Jr.'s GM Safety Belt are among those featured in the current *Great Pretender's Party Guide*.

TRAFFIC STOPPING PUNCH
1 large bottle Ocean Spray Cran-Raspberry juice
3 cans Verno's ginger ale
3 cups raspberry sherbert
Fresh raspberries
Mint sprigs
Mix juice and ginger ale together. Add raspberry sherbert without stirring and allow to float in punch bowl. Garnish with raspberries and mint sprigs. Serves 12 to 16.

Below are some of this year's top non-alcohol punch recipes:

TOOTSIE ROLLS ROYCE
3 scoops orange sherbet
4 ounces orange juice
4 tablespoons chocolate syrup

PARTY FOR 6-8
1 lb. cooked medium shrimp (from fresh meat counter)
1 2-ounce container caviar or 1 8-ounce jar pickled herring
1 lb. sliced cheese or cheese ball and spreads
1/2 lb. sliced sausage or meat
1 lb. Italian vegetable or tortellini salad
1 lb. cut-up fresh fruit
1 bottle cocktail sauce
1 box crackers
1 8-ounce loaf cocktail rye or pumpernickel bread, sliced
Arrange all items on two or three large serving platters.

Appetizers set stage for successful party

Begin a party with appetizers that are out of the ordinary, such as those listed below from recipes gleaned from the pages of *The Best Appetizer Cookbook*, publishee by Pillsbury Cookbooks.

These appetizers are sure to set the stage for a perfect meal or are great to serve at parties and holiday open house events.

TURKEY CLUB TORTILLA ROLL-UPS
1/2 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
4 oz. cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup chopped, drained pepperoncini
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
4 slices bacon, crisply cooked, crumbled
6 (7 or 8-inch) flour tortillas
1/2 cup chopped tomato
1/2 lb. thinly sliced cooked turkey
6 leaves lettuce
In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise and cream cheese; mix until smooth. Stir in pepperoncini, cilantro and bacon.

Warm tortillas, according to package directions. Spread about 2 tablespoons mayonnaise mixture on each tortilla. Top each with a rounded tablespoon tomato, 1 slice turkey and 1 lettuce leaf. Roll up each tortilla tightly. Cut each roll into 8 pieces; secure each piece with cocktail toothpick. Serve immediately or cover tightly and refrigerate until serving. Makes 48 appetizers.

PUFF PASTRY WITH CRANBERRY TURKEY SALAD
1 sheet frozen ready-to-bake puff pastry (from 17-1/4-ounce package), thawed

1 cup chopped cooked turkey
1/4 cup chopped green onions
1/4 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons jellied cranberry sauce
1/4 teaspoon ginger
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
GARNISH
1 to 2 teaspoons jellied cranberry sauce
Heat oven to 385 degrees. Place pastry sheet on lightly floured surface. Cut 12 (2-inch) rounds from pastry; place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until puffed and golden brown.

Remove warm pastry rounds from cookie sheet; place on wire rack. While still warm, split each round into 2 layers to form 24 rounds. Cool completely.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, combine turkey, onions, mayonnaise, 2 tablespoons cranberry sauces, ginger and dry mustard; mix well. Refrigerate until serving time.

To serve, spoon about 1 teaspoon turkey mixture on split side of each round. Garnish each with small dot of cranberry sauce.

Make 24 appetizers.

PASTRAMI AND PEPPER ROLL-UPS
1/2 lb. thinly sliced pastrami (from deli)
1/3 cup soft cream cheese with chives and onion
1/2 cup roasted red bell pepper, drained and cut into 3/4-inch wide strips
Spread each pastrami slice with cream cheese; top crosswise with bell pepper piece. Roll up tightly. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or until firm.

To serve, cut each roll into 1-inch-thick pieces. Secure each with cocktail toothpick. Makes 40 appetizers.

Use decorating tricks for 'putting on glitz'

When you celebrate the holidays with an elegant cocktail party, here's a few hints to help you "put on the glitz":

- Consider a gold, black and red color scheme
- Sprinkle a red tablecloth with glittering gold confetti
- Buy a length of gold lame at a fabric store and use in as a table runner
- Tie bows of gold ribbon around candlesticks
- Use metallic gold or red

candles

- Fill a clear glass bowl with plain gold (Christmas tree) ornaments for a centerpiece.
- Use black plastic or metallic gold paper plates, and toothpicks with gold fringes on them.
- Place clusters of red and metallic gold candles throughout your house.
- Give guests sparkler to light at midnight

Be 'Heart Smart' with party mix

This recipe is featured in the *Heart Smart II Cookbook*, and contains 4 grams of fat and 123 calories per serving:

3 cups toasted oat cereal
3 cups Rice Chex
2 cups Wheat Chex
1/4 cup peanuts
2 cups pretzel sticks
2 cups mall pretzel twists

1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/5 teaspoon ground red pepper
Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Combine cereal, Chex, peanuts and pretzels and set aside. In a small bowl, whisk together the vegetable oil, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder, paprika and red pepper, and pour over cereal mixture. Stir to coat and bake for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Remove, cool to room temperature and store in an airtight container.

Hot Tips!

To keep hot foods hot for an appetizer buffet, use an electric warming tray or skillet, chafing dish, fondue pot or slow cooker.

A one-quart slow cooker is perfect for hot dips.

Company's coming -- right now!

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
MCN Managing Editor

It's wonderful to have company during the holiday, but what do you do when you have six to eight people to serve and just a few minutes to prepare?

This no-cook party menu takes only 20 minutes, but it does require a trip to the neighborhood deli for the ingredients. If you happen to have a supply of deli items on hand, you can prepare a party in less than half an hour.

20-MINUTE

Serve with cocktail toothpicks and/or small forks.

Add beverages of your choice.

Serves 6 to 8 people.

If you need want to add a vegetable tray, here's a quick and easy recipe for Bacon Cheddar Dip to accompany it:

BACON-CHEDDAR DIP
1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup sharp cheddar cold-pack cheese, softened
3 tablespoons real bacon pieces

1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley or 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
1/2 teaspoon instant minced onion
3 to 4 drops hot pepper sauce

In medium bowl, combine sour cream and cheese food; mix with wire whisk until well blended. Stir in all remaining ingredients. Refrigerate 2 to 3 hours to blend flavors.

Serve with assorted cut-up vegetables.

Makes 1-1/2 cups

Former editor based in Germany

Ray Day, former editor of the Michigan Community Newspaper's six newspaper chain, formerly known as Associated Newspapers, is currently the Ford Motor Co. Public Affairs representative in Germany.

He and his wife, Debbie, were residents of the Westland-Garden City area when Day was managing editor. They are now visiting their families in Western Wayne County, and will return to Germany in January.

During his tour in Germany, the Days had the opportunity to attend the Cologne Karneval (Mardi Gras) and also to visit Austria, Poland, the Czech Republic, England, Ireland, Holland, France and Italy.

Day's work also took him to



Ray Day

India last year. They noted that Berlin is a

city still in a major transition after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the reunification of the country in 1990.

"No picture is without a crane in the background, and we agree that in 10 years, it will be a different city," the Days said.

In a letter to family members and friends, they wished everyone "a blessed holiday season. Our heartfelt thanks to the many of you who have taken the time to keep in touch with us during the two years' time here (in Germany). You have no idea how much it means to us, or the difference it makes."

The Days wish their friends "Frohe Fest," or happy holidays!



College bound

Cleo Williams of Westland, grandmother of 11-month-old Christian Draven Gray Szukielowicz, is the winner of a \$10,000 savings bond as part of the "From Diapers to Diploma" sweepstakes sponsored by Service Merchandise and Evenflo. The family is pictured with Service Merchandise Store Manager Scott Lucas (left) and Evenflo National Accounts Manager Marty Custer (right).

Holiday toy shopping tips help parents make better choices

During the holiday season, stores are flooded with new and exciting toys. So how do you know which toys to buy?

There are many things to consider when buying toys, everything from safety to whether the toy is age appropriate (designed and made for a child of the same age). For those facing this seemingly endless variety of toys from which to choose, Children's World Learning Centers, a leading provider of quality infant, toddler, preschool and before and after school learning programs in the United States, suggests the following tips for helping parents make better choices for toys for each child.

Early childhood educators agree that toys play a significant role in helping all children, from infancy through school age, develop important educational concepts and life skills. Good toys must entertain and occupy. In fact, one of the main values of a good toy is to extend a child's attention.

The following toy shopping

points should be considered before buying:

- Is the toy safe?
 - Will the toy appeal to the child's personal likes or dislikes? This is a vital consideration because not all children of the same age share similar interests. Is this appeal based on the child's real interests or because a friend has the toy, or it was seen on TV?
 - Is the toy durable and well built? Will it survive typical child use?
 - Will the child be capable of enjoying the toy? Some toys are just too complicated or too simple for a specific age group.
 - Will the toy hold the child's interest over a period of time? Most toys are designed just to satisfy a child's initial interests.
- The topic of toy safety is particularly relevant when selecting toys for children of all ages. Following are a few guidelines which have been provided by the Colorado Department of Health, Division of Laboratories and the Toy Testing Laboratory.
- Choose toys with rounded

edges and no points.

- Toys should be unbreakable and should be able to withstand use and abuse.
 - Rattles and other toys for infants should be carefully checked for poor construction and parts that a child could swallow. Make sure that they cannot be opened by mistake or through normal use.
 - Paints on all toys should be non-toxic and lead-free. Be sure also to check the materials used in stuffed toys.
 - Follow package guidelines for age appropriateness to prevent getting a toy that is too complex for a child's age and development.
 - Never hang toys with long strings, cords, loops or ribbons in cribs or playpens.
 - Make sure that materials on toys such as dolls, including clothing, etc. are non-flammable.
- When determining whether a toy is appropriate for a child, always take the age of the child into consideration and whether the toy is developmentally appropriate.

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Night is danger to pedestrians

Since winter brings more hours of darkness, motorists need to sharpen their night-time driving skills to help reduce pedestrian fatal and injury traffic accidents, advises AAA Michigan.

Last year in Michigan traffic, 181 pedestrians were

killed and 3,303 injured. "With half of Michigan's fatal crashes occurring during non-daylight hours, motorists have to be very alert for pedestrians who suddenly appear on the roadway," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager.

He added that children un-

der 15 years of age account for nearly 30 pedestrian deaths a year, with youngsters 4-10 years of age the most frequent victims.

"No one sees as well at night as during daylight and this increases the risk of car versus pedestrian accidents," Basch added.

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Christmas means heavy mail bags for area postal workers

By James Doletzy
Special Writer

Every year about the first of December, our mail-man gets that sad, overburdened look about him. We seem to get our share of advertisement folders, post cards advertising stupendous sales, catalogs, magazines that we subscribe to, and a few that we don't, and a mess of other junk mail that sometimes is difficult to categorize. Wading through all this waist-can fodder we find an ever-expanding number of Christmas cards from friends far and near. Even our next door neighbor sends us greetings through the mail. It is very nice to receive these cards, and we even read those newsy newsletters about our friends extended vacation trips, or their kids accomplishments. Lately, most of the newsletters concern the accomplishments of grandchildren. Times change.

Although we have never succumbed to the practice of writing year-end letters, we do send Christmas Cards to our friends, and yes, to our next door neighbors as well. Ours are not the newsy letter type, but unique I'm sure. When we were first married we drew, colored, cut out and pasted our own creations. Since 1960 our Christmas Cards have been printed at our own private press.

Got to wondering a while back about who started this custom of sending special holiday greetings. The U.S. Postmaster? Card shops? Card manufacturers? Sorry, none of the above. Upon an extensive investigation, it was found that the custom originated in jolly old England in 1843. The first known example of a postcard printed specifically for a Christmas greeting, was created for Sir Henry Cole by printer John C. Horsley. The card was printed and then hand tinted to add color. At least one copy remains today. Thomas Nast, the well-



Santa Claus was depicted by Thomas Nast as a rotund, jovial character.

known cartoonist, came to New York in 1846 when he was six years old. He displayed an acute interest in art at an early age. At 15, he began working for Leslie's Illustrated Weekly Magazine. Soon after the outbreak of the Civil War, he began working for Harper's Weekly, contributing many notable sketches, including the Democratic Party donkey and the Republican Party elephant. Nast is also reputedly responsible for Santa becoming the jovial rotund person that we know him as today.

By the turn of the century, Santa was well on his way to becoming established as a well rounded individual as indicated by this post card sent around 1910. It wasn't long before the card printing industry began printing multi-colored French-fold cards and marketing them with matching coordinated envelopes.

It is now a pleasing custom of maintaining at least a thread of communication with former friends we no longer have personal contact with on a daily basis. We hope the custom continues - forever.

Editor's note: James (Jim) Doletzy, also known as the friendly ole curmudgeon, writes articles with a historical slant. He is a life member of the Michigan Historical Society, the Wayne Historical Society, and the Wayne Historical Commission.



GREETINGS!



A reproduction of the first Christmas greeting, created by John C. Horsley in 1843, is shown above, and a 1920s-era "penny post card" greeting is pictured below.



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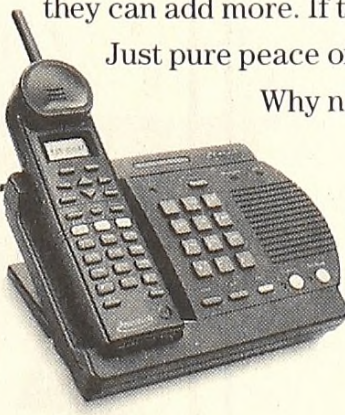


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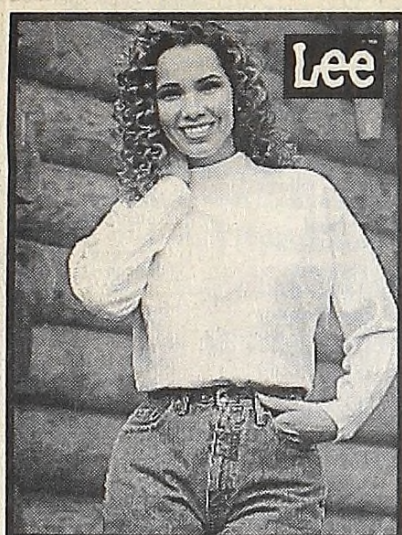
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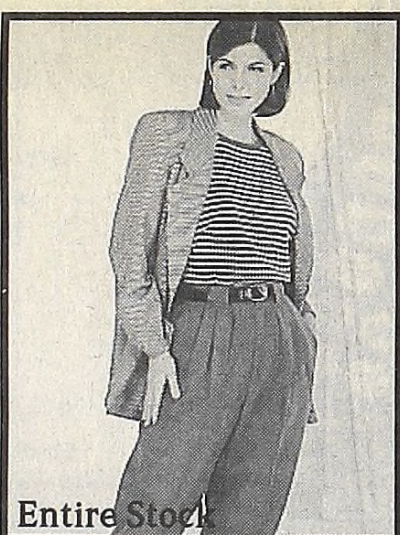
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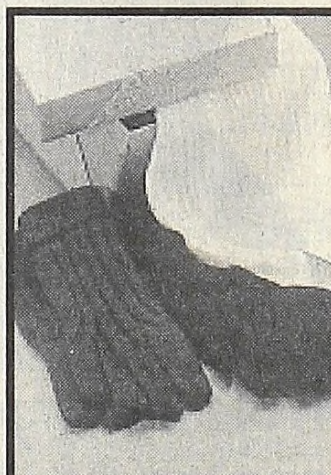
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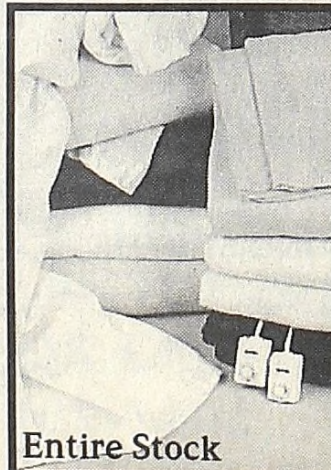
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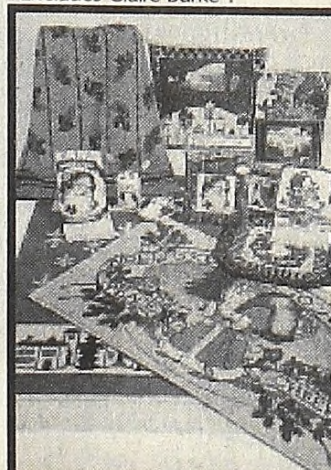
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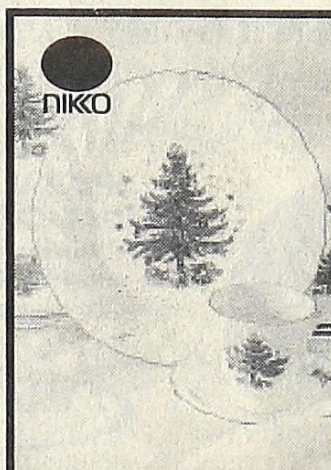
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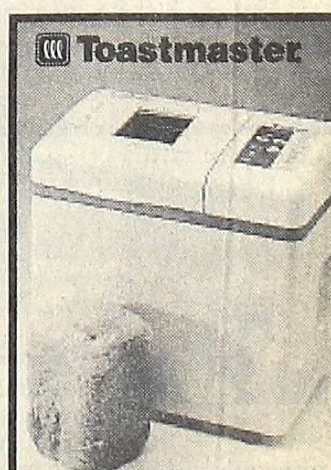
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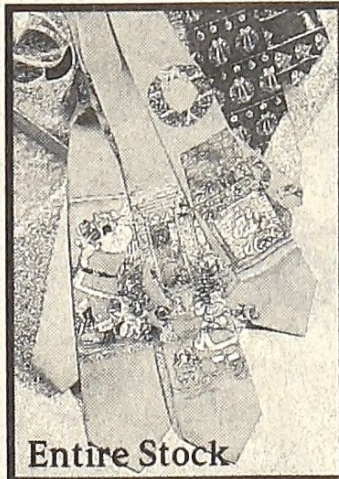
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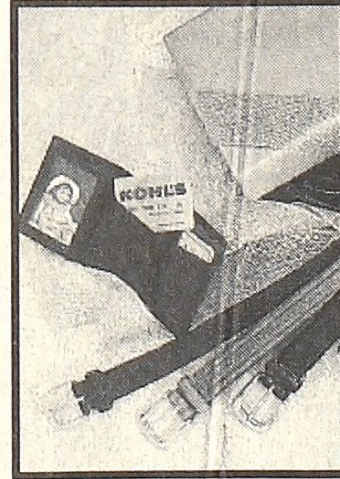
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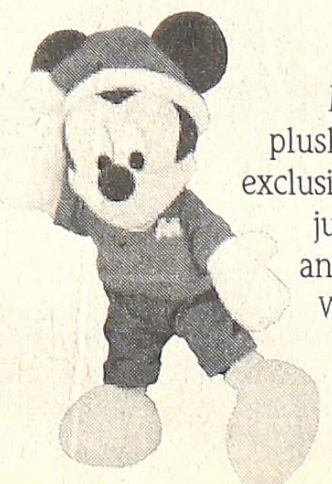


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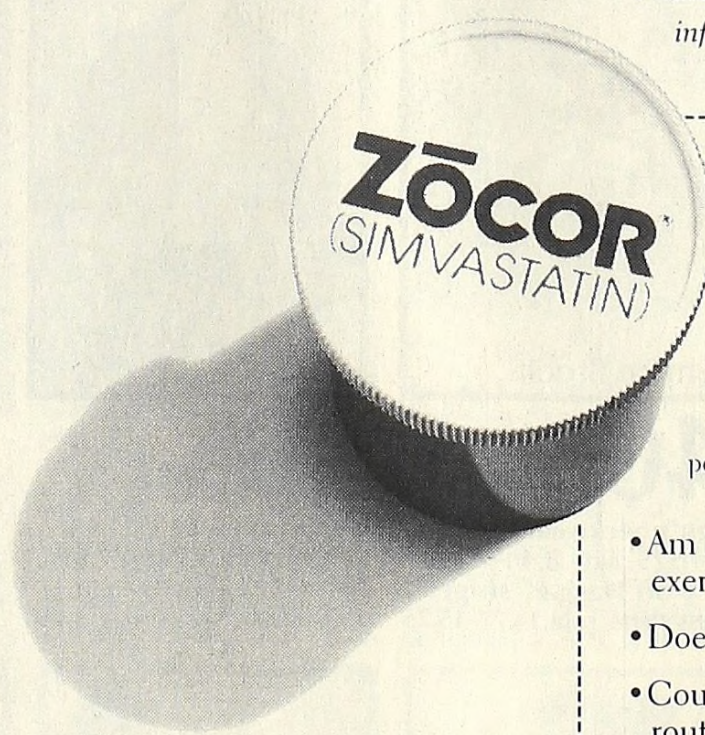
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ZOCOR is a prescription medication, and only your doctor or health care professional can determine whether you should take it. In clinical studies, liver abnormalities were experienced by 1% of patients. Some people should not take ZOCOR: people with active liver disease or possible liver problems, women who are pregnant, likely to become pregnant, or are breast-feeding, or people who are allergic to any of its ingredients.

When you talk to your doctor about ZOCOR, be sure to mention any medications you are taking, to avoid possible serious drug interactions. Tell your doctor if you experience any unexplained muscle pain or weakness while taking ZOCOR, since this could be a sign of serious side effects. Finally, discuss any other side effects with your doctor.

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One of the highlights of the holiday season is a visit to see Santa Claus. Lisa Nowicki, 8, and her sister, Jennifer, 6, whispered their wishes to Santa at the Canton Christmas tree lighting.MCN photo by Dan Sanchez

ZOCOR

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PLEASE READ THIS SUMMARY CAREFULLY. AND THEN ASK YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT ZOCOR. NO ADVERTISEMENT CAN PROVIDE ALL THE INFORMATION NEEDED TO PRESCRIBE A DRUG. THIS ADVERTISEMENT DOES NOT TAKE THE PLACE OF CAREFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR DOCTOR. ONLY YOUR DOCTOR HAS THE TRAINING TO WEIGH THE RISKS AND BENEFITS OF A PRESCRIPTION DRUG FOR YOU.

USES OF ZOCOR

ZOCOR is a prescription drug that is indicated as an addition to diet for many patients with high cholesterol when diet and exercise are inadequate. For patients with coronary heart disease (CHD) and high cholesterol, ZOCOR is indicated as an addition to diet to reduce the risk of death by reducing coronary death, to reduce the risk of heart attack, and to reduce the risk for undergoing myocardial revascularization procedures (coronary artery bypass grafting and percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty).

WHEN ZOCOR SHOULD NOT BE USED

Some people should not take ZOCOR. Discuss this with your doctor.

ZOCOR should not be used by patients who are allergic to any of its ingredients. In addition to the active ingredient simvastatin, each tablet contains the following inactive ingredients: cellulose, lactose, magnesium stearate, iron oxides, talc, titanium dioxide, and starch. Butylated hydroxyanisole is added as a preservative.

Patients with liver problems: ZOCOR should not be used by patients with active liver disease or repeated blood test results indicating possible liver problems. (See WARNINGS.)

Women who are or may become pregnant: Pregnant women should not take ZOCOR because it may harm the fetus.

Women of childbearing age should not take ZOCOR unless it is highly unlikely that they will become pregnant. If a woman does become pregnant while on ZOCOR, she should stop taking the drug and talk to her doctor at once.

Women who are breast-feeding should not take ZOCOR.

WARNINGS

Liver: About 1% of patients who took ZOCOR in clinical trials developed elevated levels of some liver enzymes. Patients who had these increases usually had no symptoms. Elevated liver enzymes usually returned to normal levels when therapy with ZOCOR was stopped.

Your doctor should perform routine blood tests to check these enzymes before and during treatment with ZOCOR. The tests should occur at 6 weeks and 12 weeks after you begin taking ZOCOR, and about every 6 months thereafter. If your enzyme levels increase, your doctor should order more frequent tests. If your liver enzyme levels remain unusually high, your doctor should discontinue your medication.

Tell your doctor about any liver disease you may have had in the past and about how much alcohol you consume. ZOCOR should be used with caution in those who consume large amounts of alcohol.

Muscle: Tell your doctor right away if you experience any muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness at any time during treatment with ZOCOR, particularly if you have a fever or if you are generally not feeling well, so your doctor can decide if ZOCOR should be stopped. Some patients may have muscle pain or weakness while taking ZOCOR. Rarely, this can include muscle breakdown resulting in kidney damage. The risk of muscle breakdown is greater in patients taking certain other drugs along with ZOCOR, such as the lipid-lowering drug Lipid[®] (gemfibrozil), a fibrate; lipid-lowering doses of nicotinic acid (niacin); the antibiotic erythromycin; antifungal drugs that are azole derivatives, such as itraconazole; or drugs that suppress the immune system (called immunosuppressive drugs, such as Sandimmune[®] [cyclosporin]). Therapy with ZOCOR should be temporarily interrupted if you are going to take an azole derivative antifungal medication, such as itraconazole. Patients using ZOCOR along with any of these other drugs should be carefully monitored by their physician. The risk of muscle breakdown is greater in patients with kidney problems or diabetes.

If you have conditions that can increase your risk of muscle breakdown, which in turn can cause kidney damage, your doctor should temporarily withhold or stop ZOCOR. Such conditions include severe infection, low blood pressure, major surgery, trauma, severe metabolic, endocrine and electrolyte disorders, and uncontrolled seizures. Discuss this with your doctor, who can explain these conditions to you.

Because there are risks in combining therapy with ZOCOR with lipid-lowering doses of nicotinic acid (niacin) or with drugs that suppress the immune system, your doctor should carefully weigh the potential benefits and risks. He or she should also carefully monitor patients for any muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness, particularly during the initial months of therapy and if the dose of either drug is increased. Your doctor may also monitor the level of certain muscle enzymes in your body, but there is no assurance that such monitoring will prevent the occurrence of severe muscle disease.

PRECAUTIONS

Before starting treatment with ZOCOR, try to lower your cholesterol by other methods such as diet, exercise, and weight loss. Ask your doctor about how best to do this. Any other medical problems that can cause high cholesterol should also be treated.

ZOCOR is less effective in patients with the rare disorder known as homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia.

Drug Interactions: Because of possible serious drug interactions, it is important to tell your doctor what other drugs you are taking, including those obtained without a prescription.

ZOCOR (simvastatin) can interact with Lipid, miconazole, certain antifungal drugs, and drugs that suppress the immune system (called immunosuppressive drugs, such as Sandimmune). (See WARNINGS, Muscle.)

Some patients taking lipid-lowering agents similar to ZOCOR and coumarin anticoagulants (a type of blood thinner) have experienced bleeding and/or increased blood clotting time. Patients taking these medicines should have their blood tested before starting therapy with ZOCOR and should continue to be monitored.

Endocrine (Hormone) Function: ZOCOR and other drugs in this class may affect the production of certain hormones. Caution should be exercised if a drug used to lower cholesterol levels is administered to patients also receiving other drugs (e.g., ketoconazole, spironolactone, cimetidine) that may decrease the levels of activity of hormones. If you are taking any such drugs, tell your doctor.

Central Nervous System Toxicity: Cancer, Mutations, Impairment of Fertility: Like most prescription drugs, ZOCOR was required to be tested on animals before it was marketed for human use. Often these tests were designed to achieve higher drug concentrations than humans achieve at recommended dosing. In some tests, the animals had damage to the nerves in the central nervous system. In studies of mice with high doses of ZOCOR, the likelihood of certain types of cancerous tumors increased. No evidence of mutations or of damage to genetic material has been seen. In one study with ZOCOR, there was decreased fertility in male rats.

Pregnancy: Pregnant women should not take ZOCOR because it may harm the fetus.

Safety in pregnancy has not been established. There have been no reports of birth defects in the children of patients taking ZOCOR. However, in studies with lipid-lowering agents similar to ZOCOR, there have been rare reports of birth defects of the skeleton and digestive system. Therefore, women of childbearing age should not take ZOCOR unless it is highly unlikely they will become pregnant. If a woman does become pregnant while taking ZOCOR, she should stop taking the drug and talk to her doctor at once. The active ingredient of ZOCOR did not cause birth defects in rats at 6 times the human dose or in rabbits at 4 times the human dose.

Nursing Mothers: Drugs taken by nursing mothers may be present in their breast milk. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants, a woman taking ZOCOR should not breast-feed. (See WHEN ZOCOR SHOULD NOT BE USED.)

Pediatric Use: ZOCOR is not recommended for children or patients under 20 years of age.

SIDE EFFECTS

Most patients tolerate treatment with ZOCOR well; however, like all prescription drugs, ZOCOR can cause side effects, and some of them can be serious. Side effects that do occur are usually mild and short-lived. Only your doctor can weigh the risks versus the benefits of any prescription drug. In clinical studies with ZOCOR, less than 15% of patients dropped out of the studies because of side effects. In a large, long-term study, patients taking ZOCOR experienced similar side effects to those patients taking placebo (sugar pills). Some of the side effects that have been reported with ZOCOR or related drugs are listed below. This list is not complete. Be sure to ask your doctor about side effects before taking ZOCOR and to discuss any side effects that occur.

Digestive System: Constipation, diarrhea, upset stomach, gas, heartburn, stomach pain/cramps, anorexia, loss of appetite, nausea, inflammation of the pancreas, hepatitis, jaundice, fatty changes in the liver and, rarely, severe liver damage and failure, cirrhosis, and liver cancer.

Muscle, Skeletal: Muscle cramps, aches, pain, and weakness; joint pain; muscle breakdown.

Nervous System: Dizziness, headache, insomnia, tingling, memory loss, damage to nerves causing weakness and/or loss of sensation and/or abnormal sensations, anxiety, depression, tremor, loss of balance, psychic disturbances.

Skin: Rash, itching, hair loss, dryness, nodules, discoloration.

Eye/Senses: Blurred vision, altered taste sensation, progression of cataracts, eye muscle weakness.

Hypersensitivity (Allergic) Reactions: On rare occasions, a wide variety of symptoms have been reported to occur either alone or together in groups (referred to as a syndrome) that appeared to be based on allergic-type reactions, which may rarely be fatal. These have included one or more of the following: a severe generalized reaction that may include shortness of breath, wheezing, digestive symptoms, and low blood pressure and even shock; an allergic reaction with swelling of the face, lips, tongue and/or throat with difficulty swallowing or breathing; symptoms mimicking lupus (a disorder in which a person's immune system may attack parts of his or her own body); severe muscle and blood vessel inflammation, bruises, various disorders of blood cells (that could result in anemia, infection, or blood clotting problems) or abnormal blood tests; or inflamed or painful joints, hives, fatigue and weakness; sensitivity to sunlight; fever, chills, flushing, difficulty breathing; and severe skin disorders that vary from rash to a serious burn-like shedding of skin all over the body, including mucous membranes such as the lining of the mouth.

Other: Loss of sexual desire; breast enlargement; impotence.

Laboratory Tests: Liver function test abnormalities including elevated alkaline phosphatase and bilirubin; thyroid function abnormalities.

NOTE: This summary provides important information about ZOCOR. If you would like more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist to let you read the professional labeling and then discuss it with them.

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NEW YEAR JUBILEE--Plans are underway for the Fifth Annual New Year Jubilee in the Ypsilanti area. More than 40 performances by 30 different performers have been booked into the local churches and buildings in and around Ypsilanti's Historic Downtown area from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. on New Year's Eve. By purchasing an admission badge, patrons can travel from site to site throughout the evening. In addition, there will be plenty to eat and drink. Most of the entertainment sites are planning special food and beverage options. Adults can purchase badges in advance for \$10 each; (\$15 at the door). Children ages 6 to 12, \$5 each and children under 5 free. A limited number of free badges are available for families who may not be able to afford the event. For more information call (313) 483-5861, ask for Lynda Hummel.

AMERICAN POLISH NEW YEARS DANCE--including dinner Dec. 31 from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. \$60 per person covers dinner at 8 p.m., dancing, refreshments, and a snack after midnight. Music by AKORD. For information, call (810) 689-3636. Also, Jan 5 OPLATEK, a Christmas Eve Dinner, traditional music and performances by Filaret's Choir. Fifteen dollars for adults, children \$8. At American Polish Cultural Center, 2875 E. Maple at Dequindre, Troy.

BLOOD DRIVES--Share in the joy of giving - give blood. To make an appointment call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS--Ann Arbor chapter orientations for new members. Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. For all single parents wither divorced, widowed or never married. For more information call Alex at 662-4139 or Karen at 971-0082. Dec. 20 Open Dance for

all adults. Line dance lessons at 8 p.m. for \$1 non-members. Appropriate attire please. Cash bar. If you bring a pair of mittens or a scarf to be given to Peace of Neighborhood Center it will hang on the mitten tree. Dance is at the Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Dec. 31 Open Dance for New Years at the Grotto Club. No-smoking in dance area, smoking allowed in the bar area. Tickets are \$15 for non-members in advance or \$20 at the door, includes party favors and breakfast. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. D.J. Imperial Sound. Cash bar.

LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH--Single parenting in a married world will be the discussion by Jacque Martin-Downs, MSW, ACSW and Doug Bingham, Livonia Civic Center Library 32777 Five Mile Road in Livonia. One mile north of I-96 Farmington Road Exit. Cost \$5 per person. Reservations can be made by calling (313) 261-3760 ext. 100. Future Live, Love, Laugh sessions include Jan. 13: Three keys to communicating with our teens; Feb. 10: How to have healthier relationships; March 17: Positive fathering roles and strategies.

13TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC PARTY--organization sponsors a bingo on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Cherry Hill Hall, 230 S. Vencoy at Cherry Hill, Westland. The group serves the entire Western Wayne County area. For further information please call Dick McKnight at 421-1517.

HOW TO START YOUR OWN BUSINESS--courses are offered every Tuesday and Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday at 11 a.m. Sessions relate to the telecommunication field. The host site is located at 23077 Greenfield Road, Suite 234 South Field, for more information contact Gordon Weathers at 532-5409.

TOASTMASTER INTERNATIONAL--host meetings for people interested in becoming better thinkers, listeners and better speakers. The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club, is the world's leading public speaking program. Regular meetings begin at 6 p.m.;

Denny's Restaurant of Westland located on Wayne Road and Cowan.

GOLDEN HOUR CLUB in Wayne enjoys cards, travel, friends and fun. A pot luck luncheon/business meeting takes place 10:30 a.m. every Thursday for seniors 55 years old and older. For more information call the Wayne Senior Services Office at 721-7460.

SOMETIMES TRAVELLERS offers travel to very unique places with old and new friends. All the details of the various excursions are taken care of by the Wayne Senior Services Office. For information on the next trips or to join Sometimes Travellers call 721-7460.

THE LEARNING DISABILITY ASSOCIATION--has formed a new group in the area. Any persons with an interest in Attention Deficit Disorder or Learning Disabilities, may have an interest in attending the meeting. For more information about the organizations or the next scheduled meeting call 941-4249 or 941-7330.

RED CROSS OFFERS PRE-MARITAL--health counseling to help couples meet the state requirements for a marriage license. Michigan law mandates premarital counseling so that engaged couples learn about sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS prior to marriage. The hour-long session is taught by a Red Cross-certified instructor at service centers throughout the tri-county area. The \$12 fee benefits other Red Cross services in southeastern Michigan. For further information and to make reservations call (810) 967- 0336.

THE CIVIC AIR PATROL--squadron at Willow Run Airport meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings. Membership is open to youths 13 to 18 years old and adults. For more information call 313-529-5732.

FIRST STEP PROGRAM--First Step a non-profit social service agency specializing in domestic violence and sexual assault will be providing education, support and counseling services. The program is called "Children - The Forgotten Victims. Take A 'First Step' For Your Child" is for children ages 6-18 years of age and is made possible through a special grant from United Way of Southeastern Michigan for Children and Youth in crisis. For more information call 453-9696. Help is also available for men, women and children affected by violence by calling the 24 hour helpline at (313) 459- 5900.

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVERS--a new support group for Alzheimer's caregivers will meet from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at St. John Neumann, 4480 Warren Road in Canton Township. All meetings are free and everyone is welcome. For more information please call Rosemarie Shim

at 697- 8051 or Anna Lilla at the Alzheimer's Association at 557- 8277.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAY-CEES-- will meet at 8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at the Plymouth Cultural Center. For further information, phone 453-8407.

PREGNANCY SUPPORT GROUP-- for moms of all ages in the Belleville area. For more information, phone 697- 4409.

SOUTHEAST SUBURBAN MOTHERS OF TWINS CLUB--meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month. Phone 942-9678.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS-- Members of the support group for overeaters meet at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland, every Monday at Growth Works, Inc. in Plymouth and every Thursday at Unity Church in Inkster. Phone 545-LIFE.

ALANON-- meets at 10 a.m. every Thursday at First United Methodist Church in Belleville. Meetings are closed to the general public. For information phone 461-6031.

TOPS-- Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at United Presbyterian Church, 11900 Belleville Road in Belleville, at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Basic adult membership dues are \$16 annually first 2 years and \$14 subsequently. Chapter weekly dues are \$1. If you would like to locate any chapter call (1-800) 932-8677.

AMBASSADOR JUNIOR CIVITANS-- will meet 7 p.m. at the Historical Meeting House located at 36993 Marquette the first and third Tuesday of each month. New members between the ages of 13 and 18 are sought for community service activities.

MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (MADD)--Wayne County Chapter has a Victim Support Group for the victims and surviving family members/friends of drunk driving accidents. Meetings are scheduled at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at Gabriel Richard Campus Ministry Building, U of M Dearborn Campus, 3001 Evergreen Road in Dearborn. Call the MADD office at 422-MADD for more information.

SINGLES

ST. JOHN NEUMANN'S SINGLES GROUP--located in Canton on Warren between Sheldon and Canton Center. For further information call Scott (313) 722-3654 or Marilyn at 591-9269. For further information call: Marilyn Sammut 591-9269 after 6 p.m.; Patrick Belanger 277-6083 or Theresa Muscat, 277-2171.

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ing for area residents interested in meeting their peers. All singles welcome ages 45 and up wishing further information regarding this national organization's activities, please write to: U.S. Singletons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, Mich.

TODAY'S SINGLES--Join the singles as we welcome and enjoy the powerful and empowering message of an associate minister, Church of Today Fellowship Hall, 11200 Eleven Mile, Warren, \$5. Today's Singles Hotline, (810) 773-0114. For more information about the following events call (810) 652-1157. Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. Krismas Karioke and Games, \$5.; Dec. 25, Christmas Open House, 5 to 10 p.m. Pizza, games, fun, Cost \$2; Dec. 29, 7 p.m. Celebration Dance (dress up in your holiday best) fun, food, frolic. Join Maureen "Moose" O'Shea, for a fun-filled night. \$7

CALCULATED COUPLES--will be holding a matching party Dec. 19 and 26 at the Troy Marriott for singles at 6:30 p.m. Kicks Lounge, located on Big Beaver (16 Mile) east of I-75. Singles complete forms stick on a badge, then receive confidential information on a top 10 compatible list. Admission is \$7 or \$5 with a canned food donation. Call (810) 746-3322.

WEDNESDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES--Dance parties every Wednesday at Vladimirs, 28125 Grand River and Eight Mile in Farmington, for individuals 21 years of age and older. Admission is \$3. For more information call 842-0443. Dance parties are also taking place at Burton Manor 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. every Wednesday for individuals 21 and older. Admission is \$3. For more information call 842-0443.

SELECTIVE SINGLES SOCIAL AND TRAVEL CLUB--consists of 600 interesting and educated singles 25 years old and older in the extended tri-county area. There are many ongoing social activities and trips. For more information or to receive a complimentary newsletter call 810-867-0888, 810-553-7960 or 810-553-2105.

WESTSIDE SINGLE DANCES--Every Friday from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Burton Manor (Livonia) Schoolcraft West of Inkster Road. Early arrivals \$3 admission before 8:30 p.m. after 8:30 p.m. admission \$5. 21 and over please, dressy attire (no jeans). For more information call (313) 981-0909. Friday Dance Dec. 20 at Roma Banquet Hall, Cherry Hill Road east of Venoy. Dec. 27 Christmas Dance at Burton Manor. Schoolcraft Road west of Inkster in Livonia. Early arrivals \$3 after 8:30 p.m. \$5. Call (313) 981-0909. New Years Eve Dance, Burton Manor 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. DJ, top 40 music. Admission in advance is \$15 tickets at the door \$18.

CHURCHES

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH--555 S. Wayne Road in Westland will host family and Holy Euchrist services Christmas Eve

Dec. 24 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Holy Euchrist services will begin promptly at 10:30 p.m.

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH--upcoming events for the 1996 holiday season. Worship times: Second advent service 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve family service Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m.; Christmas Eve candlelight service Dec. 24th at 10 a.m. with communion; Christmas Day worship Dec. 25 th at 10 a.m. with communion; New Year's Eve service 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31 with communion and New Year's Day service Jan. 1, 1997 with communion.

ANYONE IN THEIR 20s, 30s, 40s--you are invited to participate in a day that will spark an interest and commitment to building a community where we imitate Christ's compassion for all people at the PRISM '97 Tenth Annual Archdiocesan Conference March 8 at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. To register before Feb. 15 cost is \$25 after cost is \$35. For more information call hotline at (313) 480-7830. Anyone sending eight applications in at the same time may receive free admission.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH--daily masses are: 7 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:20 a.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Week-end liturgies are 4 p.m. Saturdays and 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon on Sundays.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH--is having a traditional Latin Mass 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sundays. The church is located at 3521 Fourth Street in Wayne. For more information call 729-8228.

FAITHWAY FULL GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH--weekly services are as follows: School-9:30 a.m., Intercessory Prayer-10:50 a.m., and Morning Worship-11 a.m.; Tuesday-Bible School-7 p.m.; and Thursday- Choir Rehearsal and Auxiliary Meetings-7 p.m.

SERVICE OF HEALING AND RENEWAL--Takes place at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 north Sheldon Road, in Canton 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. The service is for those seeking spiritual, emotional and physical healing and renewal through the power of God's spirit.

REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1947--January and June classes of Highland Park High School. Looking for graduates and friends to contact. Please call Dan Benyas at 1-810-737-1983. or toll free 1-888- 456-1947.

CHADSEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1947--50th year reunion Sept. 21, 1997 from 2 to 9 p.m. at the Park Place of Dearborn. Call Ilene (421- 1257) or Caroline at (981-2825).

BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER CLASS OF 1976--20 + 1 Year Reunion on June 28, 1997 at Doubletree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call Reunions Made Easy 1-810-360-7004.

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WOODHAVEN H.S. CLASS OF 2987--Nov. 28, 1997 at Grecian Center Southgate, call (810) 360-7004.

EDUCATION

ANNAPOLIS HOSPITAL--has organized a wide variety of activities for area residents including health education classes: adult cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), infant and child CPR, basic life support, babysitter certification and standard first aid. For more information call 467-5555.

VOLUNTEERS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN--make a difference to the patients, visitors and staff for the Oakwood Healthcare System. They provide many services from greeting visitors and assisting with admitting patients to staffing gift shops, running patient errands and providing clerical skills. Volunteers are appreciated whether you work two days a week or two days a month. For more information call (313) 593-5865.

SENIORS

VAN BUREN SEPTEMBER DAYS SENIOR CENTER--offers a multitude of trips, events, education and leisure programs for area seniors. The center is located at 46270 Ayres, Belleville, 48111. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Upcoming activities include: line dancing, crafts, discussion groups, leather craft, ceramics, parties pool, cards and trips. Call 699-8919 for more information.

THE SENIOR ALLIANCE, AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-C--currently has entry level position available through the Senior Community Service Employment Program. The group is specifically seeking individuals interested in working in a literacy site. Individual interested must meet income guidelines (documentation verifying income is required) and be 55 years old or older. For more information call 1-800-815-1112.

WAYNE SENIOR SERVICES OFFICE--offers a variety of educational and leisure activities. Wayne Senior Services is located at the Wayne Community Center. For more information on any of the activities call 721-7460. The following activities have been planned at the Wayne Community Center on Howe Road:

- Line Dancing/Exercise Class-10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mondays. No reservation is necessary. Cost is \$1 for senior residents.
- Telecare - A friendly call is made each weekday to chat and make sure that every-

thing is going well. Offered to senior residents. Call for yourself or a friend. • Free legal aid - The second Thursday of every other month, a local attorney will offer free legal advice to senior residents. • Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program for seniors-qualified seniors get temporary help with prescription costs. • Medicare - A Medicare counselor is available. Call for assistance or an appointment. • Travel - Wonderful day-long as well as extended trips. • Chore program - Residents 60 years old or older can find help with some basic home chores. Priority service must be given to low income seniors. • Free Blood Pressure Screening every third Thursday 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., courtesy of the Wayne Fire Department. • Commission on Aging - Open to the public. Meetings are 1 p.m. every second Tuesday at City Hall. • Golden Hour Club - Pot luck luncheon/business meeting every Thursday beginning at 10:30 a.m. Cards, travel, friends and fun. • Pinochle - Enjoy a game of pinochle every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.



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Full-figured SWF, 21, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys the outdoors, music, dancing, cuddling, seeks loving, caring SWM, 22-30, for long lasting relationship. Ad# 1969

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SILLY
Outgoing, spontaneous SWF, 22, enjoys dancing, dining out, reading, cuddling, seeking funny, caring, understanding, laid-back SM. Ad# 1229

INTELLIGENT
Pentecostal SWF, 22, fun-loving, religious, likes watching sports, seeks honest SM, committed to God. Ad# 9023

RESPECTFUL
Catholic SWF, 22, fun-loving, gentle, kind, attends church, enjoys movies, concerts, music, shopping, seeks gentle, fun-loving, Catholic SM. Ad# 3574

SWEET
Catholic SWF, 23, kind, caring, loving, enjoys fishing, bowling, basketball, seeks honest, caring, giving, loving, attractive SM. Ad# 6554

INTEREST YOU?
Bubbly Catholic SWF, 23, enjoys time with friends, camping, the outdoors, movies, seeking adventurous, fun-loving SM, 21-35. Ad# 5656

LET'S GET TOGETHER!
Lutheran SWF, 23, quiet, soft-spoken, enjoys the outdoors, movies, plays, reading, sports, seeks caring, honest SM, with similar interests. Ad# 1985

SIMPLE RESPECT!
Fun-loving, outgoing SWF, 23, Catholic, enjoys mass, swimming, skating, movies, seeking honest, kind, Catholic SCM. Ad# 4545

SEEKS COMMITMENT
SWF, 24, brown hair/eyes, medium build, loves concerts, theater, movies, dancing, dining out, reading, walking, seeking honest, caring, marriage-minded SWM, 26-39. Ad# 5921

LOVES BASKETBALL
SWCF, 25, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, full-figured, quiet, caring, honest, employed, likes music, sports, shopping, swimming, walking, seeks honest, intelligent SM. Ad# 2561

DON'T PASS HER BY!
SWF, 25, 5', old-fashioned, down-to-earth, enjoys biking, camping, fishing, movies, quiet evenings, dancing, seeks loving SM. Ad# 7485

A TRUE RELATIONSHIP
SWF, 26, 5', 125lbs., tanned, blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys darts, dancing, the Red Wings, seeking outgoing, romantic SM, 24-27, Down river area. Ad# 4581

KIND LADY
Fun-loving, caring SWF, 26, Pentecostal, enjoys camping, family time, sharing activities with children, seeks fun, loving SM, who likes kids. Ad# 9996

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Non-denominational SWF, 27, adventurous, active, enjoys the outdoors, Christian concerts, seeks honest, caring, fun-loving SM, for friendship. Ad# 4219

ALWAYS ON THE MOVE
Caring, lovable SBF, 27, enjoys relaxing at home, movies, going to church, seeks nice, fun-loving, generous SM, for special times. Ad# 1606

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SBCF, 27, upbeat, mellow, enjoys time with her son, choir singing, train rides, sightseeing, seeks honest, fair-minded, communicative SM. Ad# 2220

AMUSEMENT PARKS
Quiet, shy SWF, 27, Baptist, N/S, enjoys Christian activities, boating, camping, pool, darts, cards, walks, festivals, parks, seeks romantic, patient SM. Ad# 6677

FUNNY LADY
SWF, 27, Catholic, humorous, caring, hobbies are walking, the park, sewing, volleyball, seeks honest, faithful, caring SM. Ad# 6951

GO, RED WINGS!
Outgoing, affectionate SWF, 27, Lutheran, enjoys billiards, darts, family & friends, videos, seeks romantic, humorous, financially stable SM. Ad# 2436

CONFIDENCE
SW mom, 28, witty, outgoing, sarcastic, enjoys softball, volleyball, hockey, pool, dancing, seeking honest, secure SM, for possible relationship. Ad# 6315

DON'T CLING TO ME
Charismatic SWF, 28, fun, outgoing, attends Christian concerts & activities, enjoys dancing, dining out, working out, seeks fun SM, with similar interests. Ad# 1868

MEET FOR A COFFEE?
Pleasant SWCF, 29, 5'2", brown hair/eyes, enjoys concerts, theaters, arts, playing pool, seeks nice, honest, easygoing SWCM, for dating, friendship. Ad# 3333

LEAVE A MESSAGE
SWF, 29, Catholic, outgoing, enjoys outdoor activities, swimming, looking for honest, open, communicative SM. Ad# 7763

EXTREMELY FUNNY
Intelligent SWF, 30, Catholic, enjoys Christian activities, cooking, sewing, seeks sincere, hardworking, honest SM, who attends church. Ad# 3566

DEVOTED
SWF, 31, 5'4", blue eyes, employed, enjoys movies, walks, dancing, biking, seeks SM. Ad# 1118

SOCIABLE LADY
Outgoing, diversified SBF, 31, enjoys the outdoors, bowling, singing, picnics, church, seeks level-headed SM. Ad# 2435

GO WITH ME
Upbeat, witty SWF, 31, Baptist, enjoys softball, volleyball, playing pool, watching hockey, seeks honest SM, with integrity and who loves kids. Ad# 8886

HONEST, CARING
Fun-loving SWF, 31, Baptist, enjoys Christian activities, the Bible, going to church, crafts, seeks loving SM. Ad# 8565

QUICK-WITTED
Non-denominational SWCF, 32, humorous, people-oriented, attends Christian activities, enjoys travel, sports, seeks classy, family/goal-oriented SM. Ad# 4464

SEEKING BEST FRIEND
Blonde SWF, 32, 5'4", hazel eyes, professional, creative, caring, enjoys friends & family, outdoors, cultural events, seeks N/S, drug-free, educated, childless SM, to share good times with. Ad# 2106

LOOKS AREN'T IMPORTANT
Sincere, educated, church-going SWF, 32, Lutheran, enjoys family activities, seeks tall, affectionate, family-oriented, sincere SM. Ad# 7455

PEOPLE PERSON
Catholic SWF, 32, outgoing, humorous, attends church, enjoys the outdoors, rollerblading, sporting events, seeks down-to-earth, outgoing, active SM. Ad# 8967

LIKES THE SUNSHINE
Talkative SWF, 32, auburn hair, brown eyes, easygoing, enjoys movies, camping, fishing, seeks honest, funny, energetic, affectionate SM. Ad# 2895

HONEST AND CARING
Attractive SW mom, 46, 5'4", 107lbs., curly blonde hair, green eyes, affectionate, personable, enjoys street fairs, the outdoors, collecting antiques, seeking honest SWM. Ad# 1177

UPBEAT ATTITUDE
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SEEKS CHURCH-GOER
Friendly SWF, 57, 5'7", 148lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, Protestant, enjoys home life, reading, movies, plays, bowling, seeks honest SM. Ad# 1017

BLUE-EYED BLONDE
Catholic SWF, 59, fun, enjoys travel, boating, golf, humor, seeks humorous, honest, secure, tall, fit SM, with similar interests. Ad# 5551

LONELY TOO LONG
Catholic SWF, 60, honest, caring, truthful, attends church, enjoys bowling, golf, dancing, seeks honest, compassionate, truthful, caring SM. Ad# 5380

LET'S TALK ONE-ON-ONE!
Bubbly, personable SWF, 66, Protestant, enjoys sewing, music, water aerobics, dancing, seeks humorous, a bit conservative SM, N/S. Ad# 2384

LET'S MEET!
Protestant SWF, 67, flexible, enjoys dancing, music, dining out, travel, seeks honest, intelligent SM, with a good background. Ad# 1492

LET ME KNOW
Congenial WWWF, 70, Catholic, N/S, enjoys reading, conversations, movies, going to church, seeks pleasant, understanding, humorous SM. Ad# 6292

FUN-LOVING ROMANTIC
Old-fashioned SWM, 18, enjoys Christian activities, romantic dining, dancing, moves, seeks honest SF. Ad# 4588

FIND A MATE
Humorous, outgoing SHM, 18, Catholic, enjoys baseball, football, basketball, clubs, seeks SF, who can be herself. Ad# 3600

EASYGOING
SWM, 18, 5'11", 170lbs, Baptist, fun, caring, sincere, likes talking, walking, bowling, the outdoors, seeks sincere, non-drinking, romantic SF. Ad# 1996

NERVOUS AT FIRST
Methodist SWM, 19, shy, enjoys creative writing, music, hockey, shooting pool, seeks nice, caring, compassionate, respectful SCF. Ad# 8653

AFFECTIONATE
SWCM, 28, outgoing, likes hockey, fishing, hunting, working out, seeks honest SF. Ad# 2765

RED WINGS FAN
SWM, 29, Greek Orthodox, friendly, open-minded, likes working on cars, motorcycles, movies, sports, seeking honest, sincere, responsible SF. Ad# 4035

ADVENTUROUS
Fun, outgoing SWM, 29, Catholic, enjoys rollerblading, traveling, skiing, snowmobiling, seeking honest, compatible SF. Ad# 2667

HIGHLY MOTIVATED
Baptist SWM, 30, understanding, enjoys computers, bowling, fishing, seeks honest, sincere, energetic SF. Ad# 1291

ENJOYS HIS OCCUPATION
Outgoing, hardworking SWC dad of one, 30, Baptist, enjoys music, sports, dancing, working, seeks honest, hardworking, sincere, attractive SF. Ad# 4866

LIKES ALMOST ANYTHING
SBM, 30, enjoys movies, dining out, automobiles, bowling, seeks responsible, clean, organized SF. Ad# 6784

HARD WORKER
SWM, 30, no religious background, upbeat, spontaneous, likes fishing, movies, darts, pool, seeks honest, outgoing SF, who is not a couch potato. Ad# 2400

CHURCH-GOING DAD
Humorous, friendly SB dad of two, 30, clean-cut, Baptist, enjoys cooking, sports, seeks caring, independent, humorous SF, who likes children. Ad# 1236

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Catholic SWM, 30, outgoing, caring, attends Church, enjoys carpentry, yard work, seeks down-to-earth, financially & emotionally secure, honest SF. Ad# 3925

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Kind of outgoing SWM, 40, Born-Again Lutheran, enjoys reading, bookstores, music, his cats, seeks kind, patient, understanding SF. Ad# 1006

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Positive, spontaneous SWM, 40, Catholic, enjoys Christian activities, hunting, biking, swimming, seeks faithful, communicative, humorous SCF. Ad# 8935

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DW dad, 40, long hair, bearded, resembles Al from Home Improvement, likes long walks, fireplaces, children, going to church, seeks SF. Ad# 8384

TAKE A CHANCE
Interesting SWM, 40, Catholic, enjoys bicycling, jogging, music, movies, reading, friends & family, seeks humorous, determined, educated SF. Ad# 4040

GUIDING LIGHT
Outgoing, fun-loving SWM, 40, Pentecostal, enjoys Christian activities, romantic fires, reading the Bible, motorcycles, seeking fun-loving SF, for friendship first, smokers okay. Ad# 7156

LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP
SWM, 40, Lutheran, outgoing, enjoys dancing, dining out, softball, golfing, seeks independent, fun-loving SF. Ad# 2555

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Loving, caring, understanding SWM, 41, Methodist, enjoys Christian activities & many hobbies, seeks open-minded SF. Ad# 5522

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ALL-AREA

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

LaTOYA BELL

Position: Guard

The top scorer for Romulus, LaToya Bell is only a sophomore. "She is quick, and anticipates well," said coach Ron Bayes. "She gets the ball down the floor in a hurry. LaToya also plays real good defense for us."



KRISTIN LUKASIK

Position: Guard

Plymouth-Canton's Kristin Lukasik, is known for making three-point shots at crucial times for her team. The junior averaged six points and one to two assists per game. "She can shoot the ball very well," said coach Bob Blohm. "She's a long-range three point shooter. She made some very big threes for us at the end of the season and in the play-offs."



LeNEDA DAVIS

Position: Forward

One of many sophomores playing for Romulus this year, LeNeda Davis made a name for herself this year, averaging 16 to 25 points a game. "She is a very, very good athlete," coach Ron Bayes said. "She jumps, runs and handles the ball really well. She had some really great games, including one against Southgate, in which she scored 30 points."



RYAN KILGORE

Position: Forward

Belleville's Ryan Kilgore, a freshman, was the area's leading scorer, averaging 18 points a game. "We need her in the game for her scoring and rebounding," said Belleville coach Bob Mercer. "She is a terrific defensive player, and is just a great all-around basketball player."

Mercer reports that he is already getting inquiries on Kilgore from different colleges.



YALANDA HOLT

Position: Guard

Recruited heavily by many Division I schools, Wayne Memorial's Yalanda Holt signed her letter of intent for Bowling Green State University, where she received a full-ride scholarship. Averaging 20 points a game, the senior was chosen for the first team all league. "She was our most valuable player and leading scorer," said coach Chuck Henry. "She has outstanding skills."



CHUCK HENRY - COACH OF THE YEAR



Wayne's veteran coach Chuck Henry has made a winner out of the women's basketball team. For his efforts Henry was named the Michigan Community Newspapers Coach of the Year.

See page C-2 for story.

ANGELA SILLMON

Position: Guard

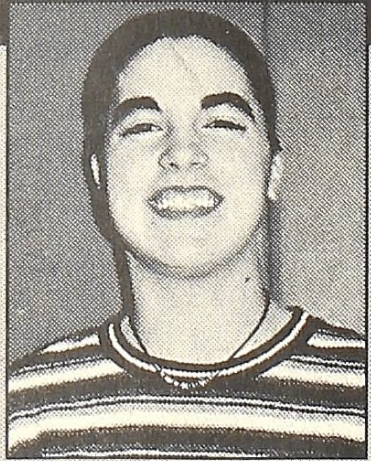
The leading scorer for Plymouth-Salem, Angela Sillmon, 10th grader, was also the best offensive rebounder for her team. "She is an extremely good defender," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "She always guards the ball handler on the other team." A 4.0 student, Sillmon was named to the All-Conference team.



MELISSA MARZOLF

Position: Point Guard

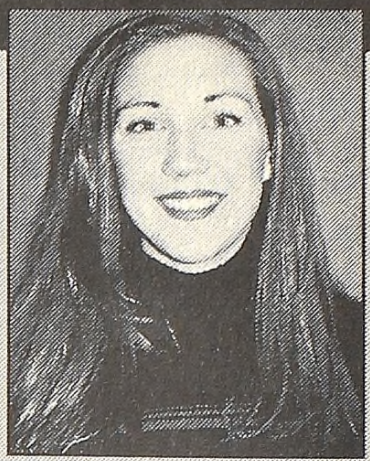
Junior Melissa Marzolf was one of the leaders for Plymouth-Canton. Averaging 10.5 points, five rebounds, three to four assists, and three to four steals a game, coach Bob Blohm calls her, "A multi-talented player." Although her main position was as point guard, the coach said she also played anywhere she was needed. "She is a great passer in the open court," Blohm said.



KRISTI FIORENZI

Position: Center, Guard, Forward

Kristi Fiorenzi lead Plymouth-Canton to a District Championship this year. She was the leading scorer for her team, averaging 14.5 points a game, with five rebounds and three assists as well. "Kristi is an outstanding perimeter player, and she scores baskets," said Chiefs' head coach Bob Blohm. "She is a threat inside and out. She has improved her passing and blocking a lot. Kristi is a very valuable player."



RICA BARGE

Position: Guard

A four-year varsity player for Wayne Memorial, Rica Barge was the captain of the first girls basketball team at the school to win the league championship. Averaging 12 points a game, Barge was named to the first team all-league. "She is a spirited player and a team leader," said coach Chuck Henry. "Rica always defended the best player on the other team. She was the heart and soul of our team."



AMANDA ABRAHAM

Position: Guard

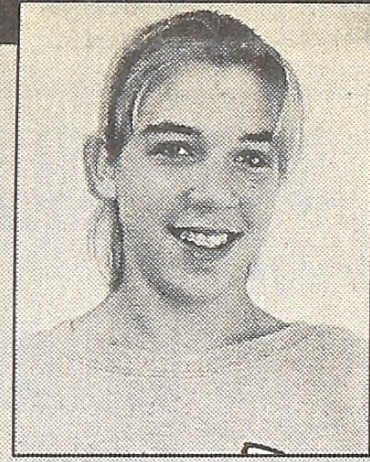
Plymouth-Salem's Amanda Abraham, 11th grader, served as her team's primary ball handler. The second-leading scorer, Abraham was also the leading rebounder and leading shot blocker for the Rocks. "She was very instrumental in our 17-4 season this year," said Salem coach Fred Thomann of the All-Division and All-Metro West athlete and 4.0 student. "She's a delight."



ROBYN GOLDEN

Position: Center

Belleville's Robyn Golden is the Tigers' best defensive player, and she's only a sophomore. "We hadn't lost two games in a row all season," said Belleville coach Bob Mercer. "Robyn hurt her knee at the end of the season and we lost all three games. It shows how important she is to the team." Mercer described Golden as a very hard-nosed player, who hustles all of the time.



MELISSA PLAVE

Position: Center and Forward

As the only senior in Romulus' roster, Melissa Plave was the ultimate team leader. The leading rebounder for the Eagles, Plave also made key baskets. "She was a hard worker in practice and in the games," said coach Ron Bayes. "Melissa is a never give up kind of girl. She is very important to the team, everybody looks to her."



SAMANTHA CREWS

Position: Forward

Freshman Samantha Crews averaged 10 points and seven rebounds a game for Westland John Glenn. Coach Andrew Dennison said she is a good fundamental player for his team. "She can probably play just about any position on the floor," he said. "Samantha also played point guard for us, and can shoot the three pointers for us. She's a good player, and a quiet leader as well."



Grateful grappler gives gold medal to wrestling coach

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Inkster High wrestling coach Sam Ellis has never produced a champ at the Garden City Invitational.

That is, until last Saturday.

On Saturday, an elated Ellis watched his 130-pounder Makimba Mims wreak havoc on all four of his opponents and walked away with a gold medal. Mims didn't walk far.

After Mims was awarded his

gold, the Inkster senior walked up to his coach and said: "This is for you, coach. I want you to have it. I know you've never had a winner here, so I want you to have this medal."

The 45-year-old Ellis said, who has been in coaching for the past 24 years, said that "for a moment I was lost for words. I really didn't know what to say."

And those who know Ellis know that that is rare, indeed. Ellis is one who is never lost for words.

When he recovered, Ellis informed his young wrestler that he was truly honored by the gesture, that it was his (Mims') performances that earned him the honor. But when Mims would not yield, the two agreed on a compromise - that the coach would wear the medal for a few weeks, and return it later in the season.

Mims, who may be heading to the University of Michigan on a full-ride scholarship in the fall, is undefeated in 10 matches this year.

In the preliminaries, he picked up a pair of victories via falls, then earned a close 10-8 decision over Gary Wilhelm of Melvindale to reach the finals where he clashed with Tom Milne of Garden City. He beat the Garden City grappler, 9-4, for the gold.

Mims' 14 points lifted the Vikings to a 11th-place finish in the 19-team tournament.

Livonia Stevenson won the tournament title with a 169-points, edging Westland John Glenn's by 10 points. The Rockets

finished a strong second with 159.

Trailing the two tournament leaders were: Trenton (149.5), Melvindale (144), Northville (127), Livonia Franklin (107), Fordson (99), Monroe (91), Livonia Churchill (88), Dearborn Heights Crestwood (88).

The field also included: Garden City (83), Dearborn (82), Dearborn Heights Annapolis (81), Divine Child (74), Clarenceville (49), Inkster (48), Lutheran Westland (43.5), Redford Union (40).

Wayne Memorial, one of the

stronger teams in the area this year, sent it "B" team to this tournament. The Zebras finished with 26 points.

Inkster also received an outstanding effort from 103-pounder, Robert Hudson, who won two of his four matches.

Inkster is back on the mats tonight hosting Clarenceville and Wayne's "B" Team.

On Saturday, they will join seven other area teams to compete in the annual Plymouth-Canton Invitational.

Friday, the 13th

'Bad luck' strikes Salem in the final two seconds against Huron

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

There just may be something to all of this *triskadecaphobia* scare.

After their experience last Friday, which happened to be the 13th, coach Bob Brodie and Plymouth-Salem may never want to schedule another game on a Friday, the 13th.

It wasn't the loss, but the way the Rocks fell to Ann Arbor Huron that could convince Brodie & Company, there may be something to the day that most fear as a "bad luck" day.

On Friday, Brodie was within two seconds from winning his 200th career game, and Salem was standing on the edge of picking up their second straight non-conference basketball victory when Huron's Luke Ravlin put up and in a missed free throw for the clincher in a 68-67 Huron victory.

"I thought we had it when they missed both of the free throws, but Ravlin came up with the rebound and scored," said Brodie. "That was it. And, believe me, that was the longest two seconds I have been in-

volved in."

The loss left the Rocks with a 1-1 record for the first week of the 1996-97 campaign. Salem won its season opener, turning back Monroe by 10 (72-62) on the Rocks' court.

Brodie and the Rocks were back on the home court Tuesday night against a rebuilt Ypsilanti, which some coaches happen to believe is the best Braves' team in recent years. Ypsi could again deny the Rock coach his 200th win.

"They (Ypsi) are tough this year," said Brodie. "They have

a lot of talent."

Tonight, Salem will be on the road for the first time this year, traveling to Brighton.

Against Huron, Salem found itself in a battle to the end. Up by one (19-18) after the first period, the Rocks managed to pull away by five at the half, 38-33 - their biggest lead - before Ravlin and Mike Brown led a River Rat rally in the third that lifted the visitors to a shaky 50-49 lead, which set up a maddening fourth period. The period was climaxed by Ravlin's decisive basket.

Ravlin and Brown each

scored 20 points for Huron, while Andy Power collected 19 and teammate Andres Lopez added 14 for Salem. Salem also got 12 points from Jeff McKian, who is coming off of a successful football season.

Salem's defense held Monroe to four points in the first period, then rode the 11-4 first-period advantage to a 72-62 victory in their season's opener.

Lopez led the Rocks with 20 points; Power and Nate Gray each scored 12 points for the winners who were up 30-35 at the half, then went on to outscore their visitors 24-17 in the

third period.

Brodie said he was satisfied with his team's performances in the first two games, but coach stressed "that the team must improve, especially on defense."

"We allowed Huron to slip away because of a breakdown in our defense," said Brodie. "We can't allow that to happen again."

And maybe a memo to the AD may also be in order: No more games on Friday, the 13th.

Are the Romulus cagers for real...? 97-50 over Truman

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Superhungry for recognition, the kind they had during the Golden Age of Romulus basketball when Johnny Long, Terry Mills and Grant Long ruled the court, Romulus showed signs of greatness Friday night as the Eagles scored the first 21 points en route to an easy 97-50 victory over Taylor Truman in their season opener.

With All-Area forward Brandon Deyampert off to a sizzling start, tossing in 10 of his 14 points in the first period,

the Eagles led by 22 (29-7) after one and, for all purposes, a mercy rule should have been invoked after that.

But whether coach Guy DeGiudice's Eagles are for real may be determined tonight when they travel to Wayne Memorial to face the defending Mega Conference red Division champs.

Wayne, with nearly the same lineup intact that won the conference and reached the state semis a year ago before losing to Southfield Lathrup, is off to a 2-0 season. They have posted impressive victories over Plymouth-Canton

and Westland John Glenn.

DeGiudice knows he is in for a battle.

"They (Wayne) are a formidable opponent," said DeGiudice as he begins his fourth year as Romulus' head coach. "They have a lot of experience - and they have Lorenzo Guess."

Guess is an All-State point-guard whose creative play on the hardwood gives teams and coaches nightmares. But it may be another Guess who DeGiudice may have to concentrate on - Lavelle Guess, Lorenzo's twin, who played exceptional ball in his first two

outings.

Romulus had an opportunity to tune up for the defending champs Tuesday night when they visited Inkster High where first-year coach Ocie Carswell is rebuilding the Vikings. Inkster lost their opener at Farmington Harrison and they also came out a loser against Flint Beecher Friday night.

Against Truman, the Eagles had an opportunity to empty the bench after the first eight minutes thanks to a 21-0 run. They outscored their opponents 20-15 and 23-15 in the middle quarters.

their 20-point lead the rest of the way.

Melvin Hicks got off to a good start as he drilled 19 points to lead all scorers. Brandon Deyampert finished with 14 after contributing 10 in the first period and Sean Dick, a 6-3 senior, added 11. Romulus also collected 10 points

from Rob Collins.

DeGiudice was pleased with the initial game.

"I liked the way we played, especially the intensity our kids displayed," the Romulus coach stressed. "We are in a tough league and these kids know that it isn't going to be easy."

Eagles to clash with undefeated Wayne

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

One usually doesn't expect big games so early in the season.

But, with only one game under their belts, there probably wasn't a bigger game for Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn Friday night when the two natural rivals clashed to determine bragging rights in the Wayne-Westland schools.

Those who managed to get into the Rockets' gym saw another one of those classic battles, but this time it was Wayne that survived. (Glenn had beaten Wayne in football, with most of the key players involved in the game on the hardwood Friday night.

"They had a tough time handling our press in the third period," pointed out Wayne coach Chuck Henry after the Zebras went to a bag of tricks to pull out a 71-49 victory. "It

was a good win for us."

It was a close game the initial half as Dave Jarrett came up with eight of his 10 points in the first two periods to give the Rockets a 14-13 lead after one. It was still anyone's ball game at the half, but it was Wayne which bolted after the intermission, leaving the Rockets in shock.

Wayne had a four-point lead at the half, 28-24.

"We played a full-court press the entire game, but it proved effective in the third period," Henry said.

Wayne forced Glenn into a pace that the Rockets couldn't cope with and led to nine Rocket turnovers to Wayne's one. Wayne outscored their hosts 29-15 in that turnaround period as Lorenzo Guess and Rodney Hurst made the impact on the Rocket defense.

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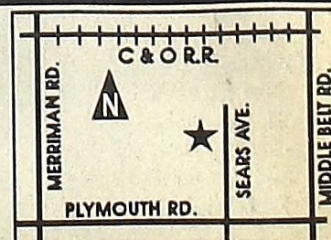
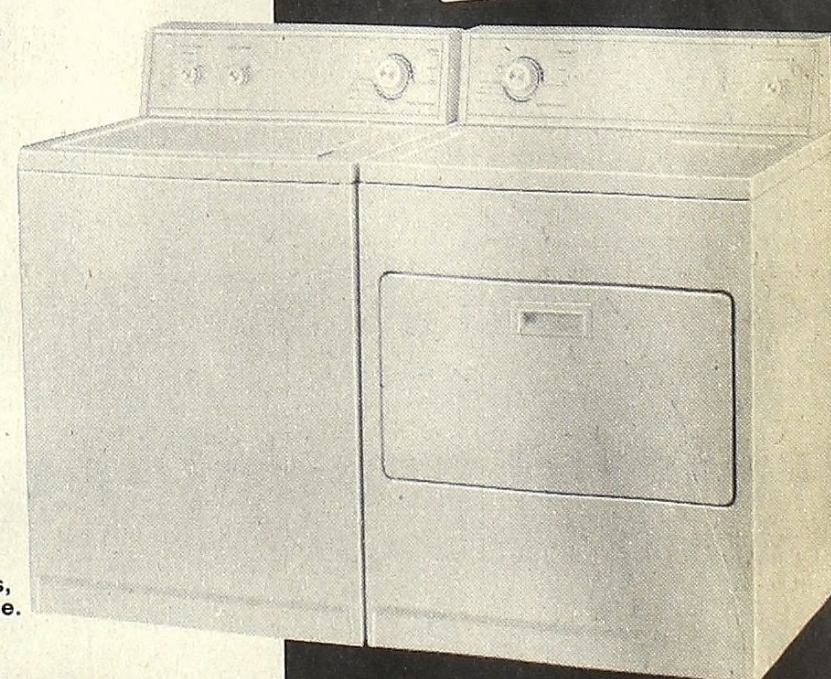
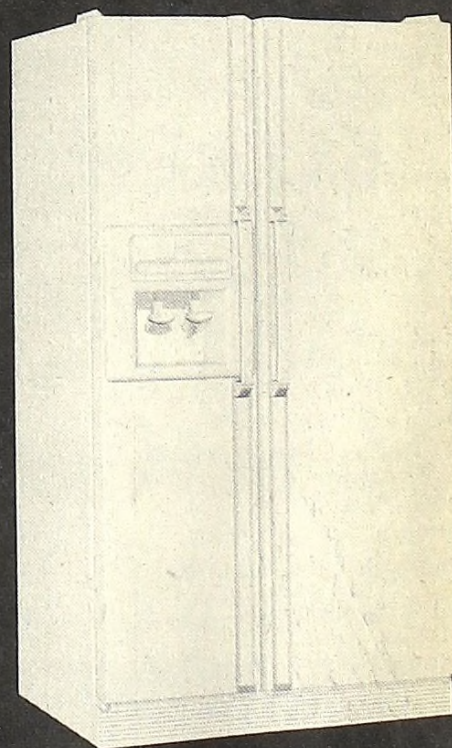
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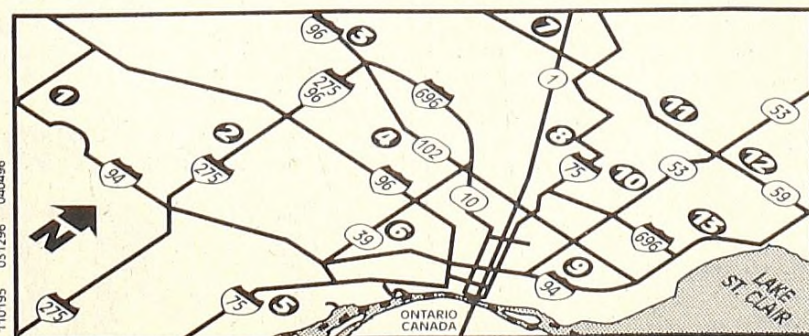
Anderson said his team is strong defense-wise, although Chefan and Logsdon are his tallest players at 5-9. "What we lack in height, we make up for by having experience on the court," the coach said, referring to the fact that he has eight seniors and four juniors making up his roster. "We can't compete with some teams physically, but we can mentally by playing smart volleyball."

By LORI GILLESPIE
MCN Staff Writer

"The girls would definitely like to repeat as league champs," Leonard said. "We've got our sights on the districts. We believe we have a legitimate shot at winning it. Our plan is to go out every time and get better. We have to improve consistently if we're going to be a contender at the end of the season."

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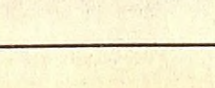
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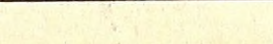
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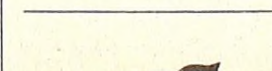
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Obituaries

GRZYWACZ, SHANNON RENEE
GUILSTORF, FRED C.
HADDALL, ROBERT WIL JONES, CLIFFORD R. LINTON, EARL E. MAY, MARCELLA J. NEWBERRY, VIRGINIA B. OSTROWSKI, HARRY J. REGAN, KAY LYNN VIPPERMAN, JACK O.

GRZYWACZ, SHANNON RENEE
Age 17, of Wayne, passed away Dec. 10, 1996. Beloved daughter of William and Marcia Grzywacz and beloved granddaughter of Richard Oettinger. Services were held on Dec. 13, 1996 at the Uht Funeral Home, in Westland, with Father Ray Bucon officiating.

GUILSTORF, FRED C.
Age 88, of Belleville, passed away on Dec. 14, 1996. Beloved husband of Velma M. (Sobolewsky) Guilstorf and dear father of Robert (Constance) Peterson and Thomas Guilstorf. Also survived by 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Cremation Rites have been accorded. A memorial service was held on Dec. 19, 1996 at Trinity Episcopal Church with Father John R. Hagan officiating.

HADDELL, ROBERT WILLIAM
Age 70, of Romulus, passed away on Dec. 13, 1996. Survived by her children Patricia Vaughn,

Sharon Hall, Robert W. Haddell, Jr., Lawrence A. Haddell, Richard K. Haddell, Yvette Bolton, Denise Accorse, and Camilla Mis. Also survived by her 14 Grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Services were held on Dec. 16, 1996 at the Uht Funeral Home, with the Rev. Robert Millar officiating.

JONES, CLIFFORD R.
Age 65, of Belleville, passed away on Dec. 15, 1996. Beloved husband of Glenda F. (Donaldson) Jones and dear father of Glenn (Diana) Jones, Karen (William) Owen, and Clifford (Melissa) Jones. Also survived by 10 brothers and sisters, and 10 grandchildren. Funeral Services were held on Dec. 18, 1996 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, in Belleville, with Rev. W.C. Henson and Rev. Fred Mays co-officiating.

LINTON, EARL E.
Age 80, of Port Orange, FL, passed away on Dec. 8, 1996. Beloved husband of Bonnie Linton and loving father of Duane Linton. He is also survived by his brother and two sisters, 5 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Services were held on Dec. 12, 1996 at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with Rev. Carl Briggs officiating. Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

MAY, MARCELLA J.
Age 69, of Plymouth, passed away on Dec. 15, 1996. Survived by her children Sheila K. (William) Kniss-Knapp and Donald (Cynthia) May, and her 10 children and 2 great grandchildren. Services were held on Dec. 17, 1996 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

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NEWBERRY, VIRGINIA B.
Age 81 of Lynn Haven, FL, passed away on Dec. 10, 1996. Dear mother of Edna E. Mott and sister of Edna Browne. She is also mourned by her 4 grandchildren. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home, in Belleville, with Dr. Kenneth W. Miller of Open Heart Ministries officiating.

OSTROWSKI, HARRY J.
Age 72, of Belleville, passed on Dec. 11, 1996. Beloved husband of Lottie C. (Swiontonowski) Ostrowski. Dear father of Jeanette H. (Robert) Frost. Also survived by 2 brothers and a siser and

also 3 grandsons. Funeral mass was held Dec. 14, 1996, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville with Father Thomas H. Cusick as Celebrant.

REGAN, KAY LYNN
Age 34, of Wayne, passed away on Dec. 11, 1996. Beloved wife of Raymond Regan. Dear daughter of Mrs. Edward Sackett and granddaughter of Jennie Onusko. She is also survived by 2 sisters Sherril DeBlasio and Linda Welsh. Services were held on Dec. 14, 1996 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

VIPPERMAN, JACK O.
Jack O. Vipperman, 65 of Van Buren Twp. died December 3, 1996 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. He is survived by his wife Beverly, his mother Barbara, two sisters Irene (Bob) Hamby and Imogen Heady of Belleville, two nephews Bruce and Allen Heady, and two nieces Patricia Heady, Sherien Hamby all of Belleville. He was predeceased by his father John. He was formerly a school teacher for the Van Buren and Wayne/Westland Schools. A funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 am at Paulus Funeral 209 Main Street, Belleville, with Pastor Bob White officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

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Eagle Talon features latest technology, styling

By KAREN STRONSKI
MCN Automotive Writer

Take a good look at this one. The road is calling! The all new Eagle Talon TSI is a unique sports coupe that enhances and personifies its owners passion for fun with aggressive styling, sophisticated performance and latest technology.

A freshened, more distinctive exterior appearance and available black and tan interior identify Talon for 1997. New 17-inch wheels and speed-rated all-season performance tires enhance the sporty appeal of the TSI AWD model.

Eagle Talon maximizes driving fun for driving enthusiasts with multi-link fully independent front and rear suspensions, speed sensitive steering, available four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes. The interior includes standard driver and passenger air bags, and a driver-oriented cockpit.

There are many reasons why you should put the Talon TSI high on your shopping list this season. For value conscious consumers like myself, looking for a fun-to-drive sporty car, consider the bold

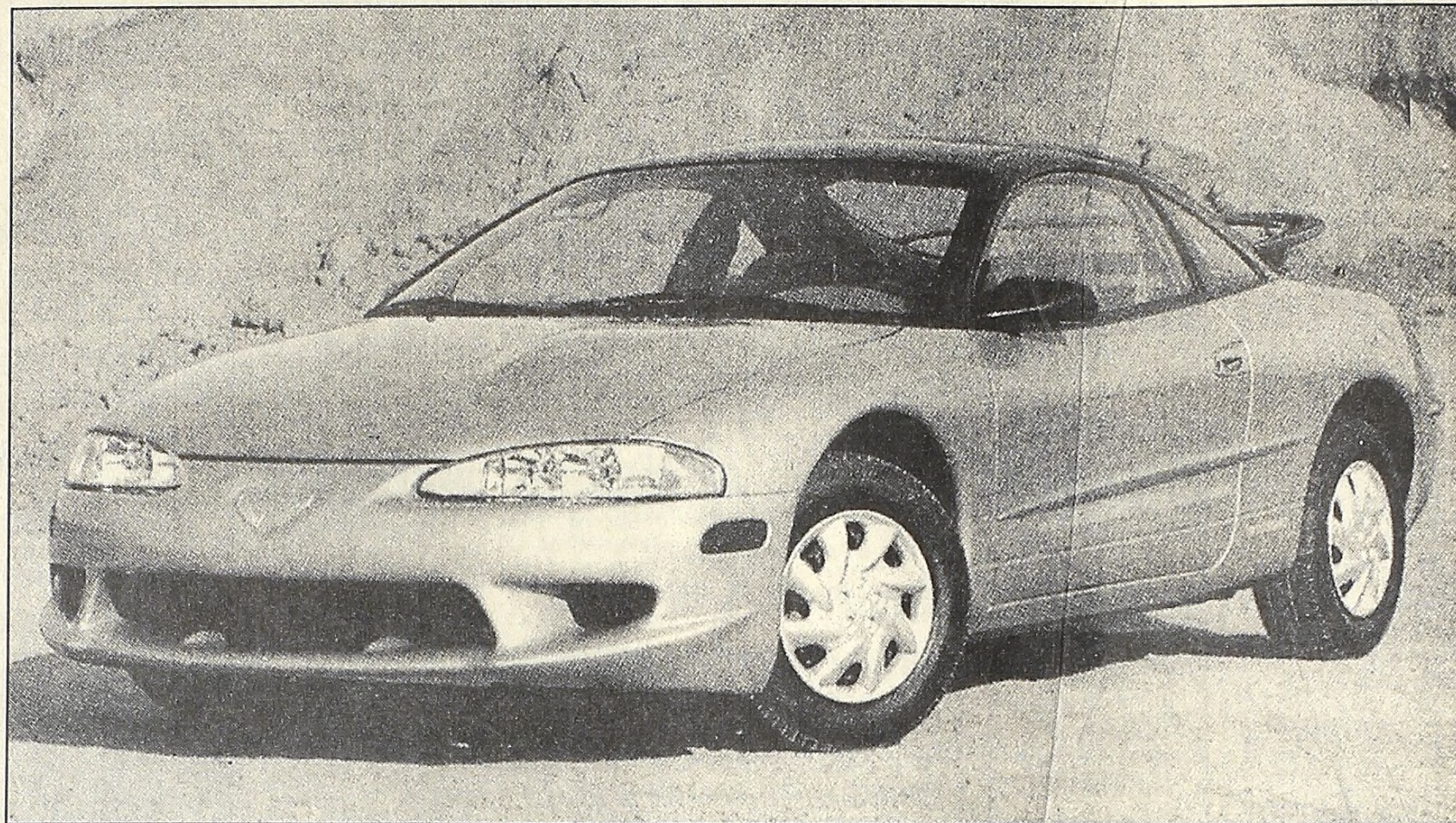
styling of a vehicle with excellent performance and handling.

This car offers new high-tech comfort for front seat passengers along with customer-pleasing exterior and interior enhancements. The body styling was bold and the interior had just about everything you could think of. The cockpit was loaded with all the electronic bells and whistles and power windows, locks, seats, etc...

All of the controls in the cockpit are within reach accept the switches for the cruise control and the power mirror adjustments, they are not visible when driving. You actually have to look around the steering column to find them That could be very hazardous to ones driving ability since you have to take your eyes off the road. Also, if you plan on putting someone in the back seat, they better be very small. No leg room what-so-ever.

The Talon I had was a five-speed, 16 valve four cylinder. I thought it was pretty peppy for just a four-banger. The gas mileage was great also. 27 miles per gallon city and 33 highway. Those numbers are quite impressive considering the horsepower.

While we're on the subject



For value conscious consumers like myself, looking for a fun-to-drive sporty car, consider the bold styling of a vehicle with excellent performance and handling.

of horsepower, let me just say, that this car will surprise you with its power because it comes on so suddenly when your really not expecting it. The close ratio five- speed with overdrive, shifts crisply

with the gear selection being very accurate.

Price wise, this automobile is a superb value. For everything that I have mentioned above, it will set you back ap-

prox 18,000. Not to bad for what you get.

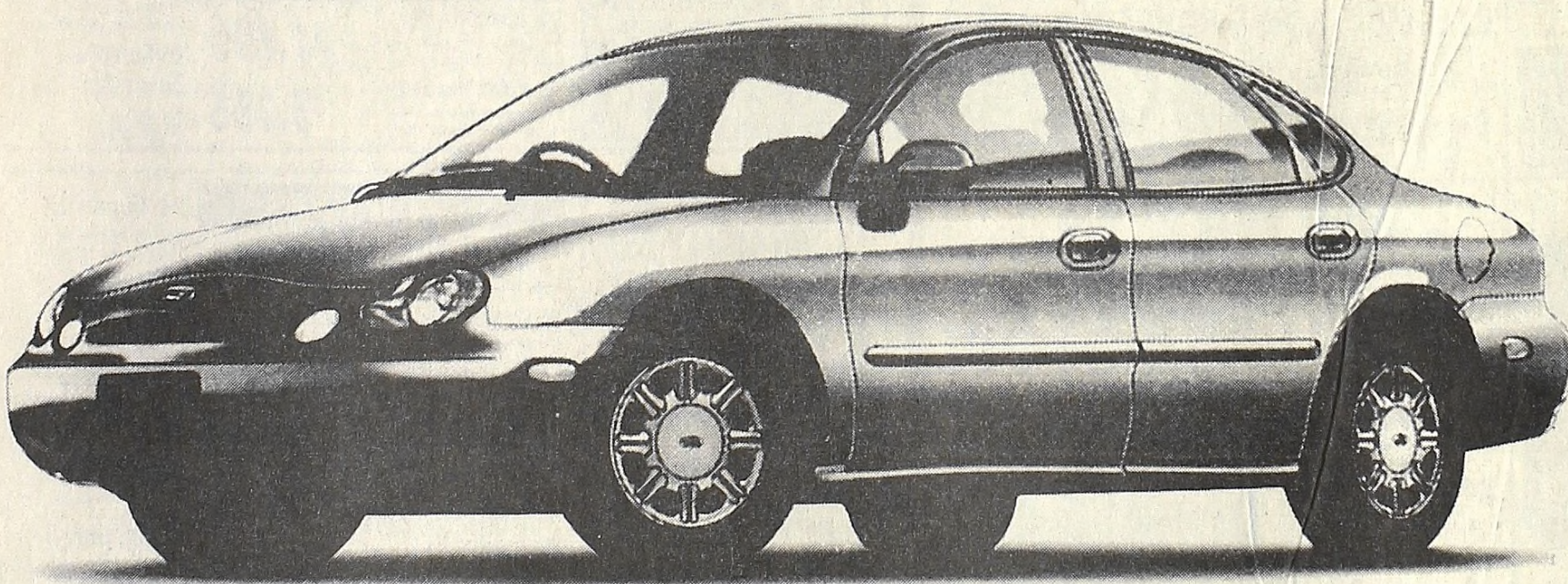
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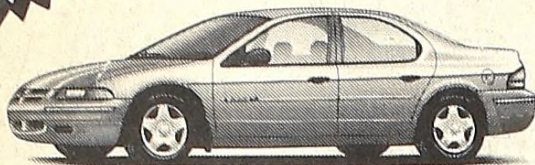
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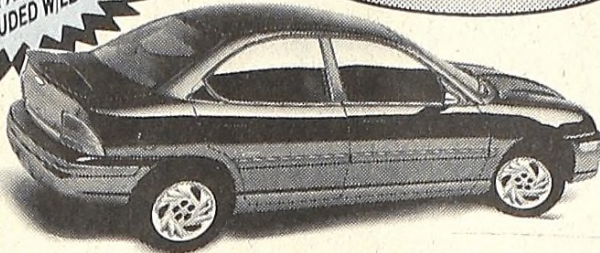
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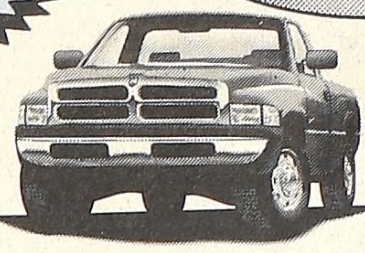
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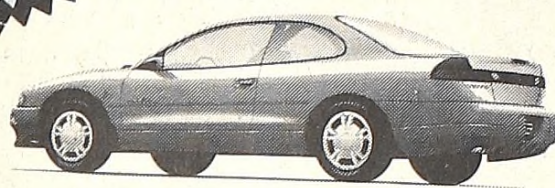
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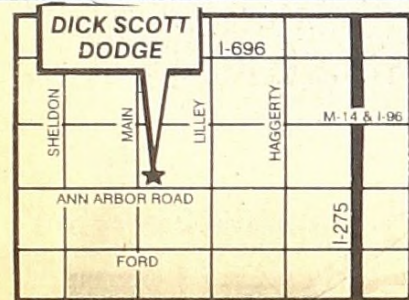
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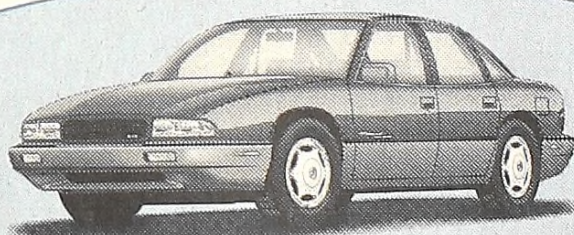


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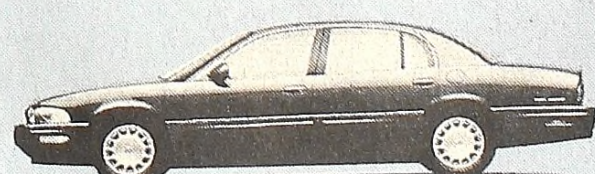


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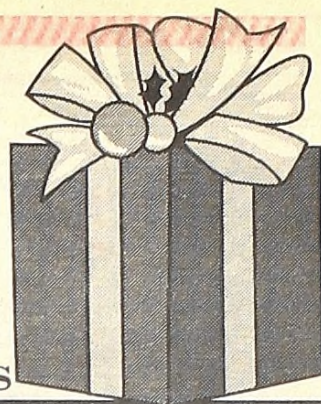
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Linda Clein and her 11-year-old son Jeffrey pose for a photograph in front of the family Christmas Tree. Clein wrote MCN hoping to receive new clothes for her ventilator dependent child who experienced a growth spurt since relying on the machine to help him breathe. Clein struggles to make ends meet while trying to catch up on mounting hospital bills. Knowing she can't afford clothes for her son breaks her heart. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

Illness confines Westland boy, 11, to wheelchair

By KIMBERLY WOLOSKE
MCN Staff Writer

At only three months old, meningitis robbed Jeffrey Clein of a carefree life of riding his bicycle and playing football.

Today at 11, he's bound to a wheelchair and most recently became dependent on a ventilator helping to make every breath a little easier.

It was the connection to the ventilator that motivated Clein's mother Linda to write *Michigan*

Community Newspapers.

"During the past year my little boy had a large growth spurt and weight gain, partially due to being on a vent," wrote Clein. "He has outgrown most of his clothes from last winter. The doctor says it's because he's not using as much energy as he was, before the ventilator started breathing for him."

The Westland mother said it was during a long hospitalization Jeffrey recently underwent, that she learned he was stricken with a pituitary tumor that would

require brain surgery for its removal and subsequent hospitalization.

"I was unable to work for several months so while I am working now, most of the money is going towards catching up the bills," said Clein. "I can't afford to buy him new clothes even though he can barely fit into the things he has."

Clein may also be facing another hurdle as her husband's insurance is being reevaluated and may result in the loss of Jeffrey's private duty nurse from which he receives care

daily.

Clein says she'll face that dilemma when the time comes, but it's the site of her son wearing clothes too small for him that breaks her heart.

Jeffrey, a student at Adams Middle School in Westland, enjoys spending time with his mom and listening to musical audio tapes at home.

"My Christmas wish would be to be able to get some new clothes for Jeffrey. I hope you can help. Thank you," Linda Clein.

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Newspaper wish program touches many lives

By KIMBERLY WOLOSKE
MCN Staff Writer

While many families go without the luxuries and basic necessities most of us take for granted, it seems to be the Christmas season when the most light is shed on the disparity many experience on a day-to-day basis.

For the third year in a row the Michigan Community Newspapers Christmas Wishes program will bring smiles and the holiday spirit into the homes of dozens of needy families as businesses, community members and the MCN staff successfully collected thousands of dollars in food, clothing, toys and furniture.

Annually the newspaper solicits letters from boys and girls, moms and dads, grandparents and neighbors regarding the needs of local families - most unprepared financially for the Christmas holiday.

Over a one-month period residents from Wayne, Westland, Canton, Inkster, Romulus and Belleville flooded our mailboxes with heart wrenching letters about their situations and the often powerless plight many of them feel they can't escape from without a helping hand.

"I've hit rock bottom before," said Astoria McConnell, a single mother of

four, "so I know the only place I have to go is up now."

McConnell's story was not unfamiliar to our ears this holiday season as most of the letters we received came from single mothers struggling to raise their children without the support of a father figure.

Several young mother's wrote of the abuse they suffered at the hands of their spouse and the life altering decision they were forced to make for the sake of their children.

"My husband cut the phone lines into my house and was isolating me away from everyone I knew," said 21-year-old Tammy Hollaway, a single mother raising four children.

Our hearts weren't the only ones that were touched by these stories. Numerous businesses, companies and individuals - strangers to our needy families - opened their pocketbooks and often times their businesses to provide donated clothing, toys, handmade dolls, furniture and money.

"Someone helped me out when my husband was down, so giving to the newspaper was my small way of saying thank you," said Betty Bell, longtime Westland volunteer and Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 publicity director.

Bell's generosity did not go unmatched as J.C. Penney of Westland

Shopping Center donated \$215 worth of children's clothing; \$100, ScrapBusters Inc. of Wayne; \$1000, EDS (Environmental Disposal Systems); Tri-County Mattress, mattresses; Tyme Auto, adopted several families to fulfill all of their Christmas needs; soap and shampoo from the employees of the Bath & Body Shop in Westland Shopping Center \$500; American Auto Repair and much more.

Michigan Community Newspaper owner Mike Wilcox warned readers not to be fooled by the relatively prosperous economy.

"There are families in our area that need our help," said Wilcox. "And many of you came through for us in your neighbor's time of need."

While we focus on the distress of our fellow man at the Christmas season, one should remember problems aren't solved with a new outfit



MCN owner Mike Wilcox and staffers Karen Stronski and Rita Bedell read over hundreds of the Christmas Wish letters.

or a turkey dinner. The giving should go on throughout the year so the need at Christmas isn't as great.

On behalf of the staff of Michigan Community Newspaper employees we wish you and your family a safe, prosperous and happy holiday season.

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Abused wife seeks new life for self, baby

By KIMBERLY WOLOSKE
MCN Staff Writer

Tammy Hollaway has been trying to forge a better life for herself and her four children, the youngest of which is one month old, since she left her physically and verbally abusive husband in February.

Hollaway says she made the decision to leave her husband after the friends and family she was accustomed to seeing were gradually being pushed out of her life by her spouse.

"He was isolating me from anyone and everyone," said Hollaway. "I wasn't even allowed to speak with my best friend Kelly or leave the house without him knowing where I was going."

Severed phone lines, emergency trips to the hospital and continuous mental torture forced Hollaway to make a decision, to this day, she's not sure was the right one. Leaving behind all of her possessions, her children's toys and life's basic necessities she and her three daughters moved to a domestic violence shelter in Adrian.

From there Hollaway says she moved from place to place including The Salvation Army of Detroit,

First Step of Canton and then moved in with a friend on Oscoda Street.

Never far from the grasp of her husband of three years, Hollaway says he made an unexpected visit to her new living quarters and decided to take up residence.

"He just showed up one day and moved in with all his stuff," said Hollaway. "I knew I couldn't stay after the phone lines were cut and the controlling started all over again. Nothing changed."

With the help of her best friend Kelly Wagner of Westland, Hollaway moved into a new apartment in Canton just prior to the birth of her first son, Timothy Michael.

With little or no money and a newborn baby following a stressful pregnancy and delivery, Hollaway was facing the reality that Christmas was just around the corner and she was barely getting by as it was without the costly expenditures of the Christmas season.

Because of the concern and true friendship Wagner feels for her friend Hollaway, she wrote a letter to *Michigan Community Newspapers* in an effort to receive some help for the holidays through the newspapers Christmas Wish Program from which



Twenty-one-year-old, mother of four, Tammy Hollaway forces a smile despite the holiday season, knowing she can't provide even the basic necessities for her four children since she left her abusive husband in February. Hollaway is pictured with three-year-old twins Tamara and Cheryl, one-year-old Jasmine and newborn son Timothy Michael. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

Wagner and her husband benefited from in 1995.

Wagner wrote:

"I'd like to prove to her that her decision to leave her abusive husband was a wise choice," said Wagner. "I'm

requesting that you answer my prayers and choose to help this family. Despite the mistakes she's made in the past, she has started over and I'd like to show her how much we love her and are proud of her courage."



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aside my pride for my children and
say HELP. We need food, warm
clothes for winter and someone to
fix my car. It's going to get cold this
winter and I don't have heat. We
could also use dog food and games
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as they see gifts for once and not
empty stockings. I am raising four of
them by myself since their mother
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Rhonda Jones
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Dear Christmas Wishes,
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trucks. I could use a new coat or
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coat, boots and most of all I want my
bike. I am nine years old.
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two children one 17 the other 9.
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of the hospital within the last four of
five months. I had a job and was
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going under and there's nothing I
can do except get another job and
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my family through the Christmas
holiday.
Sincerely,
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To whom it may concern:
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To whom it may concern,
I am writing to ask for Christmas
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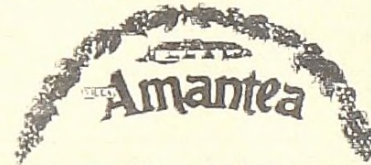
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By KIMBERLY WOLOSKE
MCN Staff Writer

A normal day for Lynn Lewis begins at 6 a.m. and ends some days long after the 11 o'clock news. Lewis, a Westland mother of six, spends the majority of her day driving from three different schools picking up and dropping off her children as well as her niece and nephew.

Unemployed, Lewis is challenged to feed and clothe six children ranging in age from 2 to 14 on unemployment and the S.S.I. checks she receives because of her deaf son David's disability.

Lewis first came to the attention of the *Michigan Community Newspaper* Christmas Wish staff after her sister Cindy Colburn wrote a three-page letter describing "a day in the life" of Lynn and her routine struggles.

"I know she is going to have problems getting the things the children would like to have for Christmas," wrote Colburn. "I admire her strength and the power to still have compassion for others."

Colburn says it was her sister

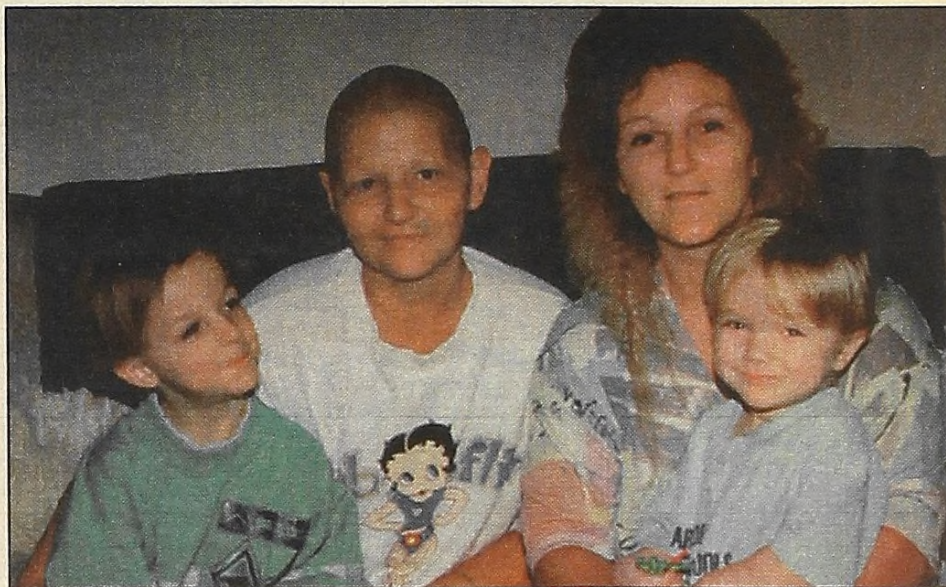
If possible, my wish is to help Lynn give her children a Christmas they will never forget and something real special for the one who does it all.

- Cindy Colburn

that welcomed her into her small Westland home after she lost her apartment and has helped care and support her while she's going through chemotherapy for the treatment of cancer.

"I love my sister dearly and even though I'm the oldest I look up to her and I truly admire her strength and ability to cope," wrote Colburn.

Lewis said she's able to cope because she knows everyone is relying on each other more than ever. The women joke they're never lonely and they don't have to go far to see each other now that they're all un-



(Center left) Cindy Colburn penned a letter on behalf of her sister Lynn Lewis that struggles to raise her six children alone on ADC while maintaining a household where Colburn, her daughter and two grandchildren also live. Colburn said her sister is an inspiration to her despite her financial situation. (Center right) Lewis is pictured with two of her youngest children David, 6, and Christopher, 3. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

der the same roof.

The wishes of the Lewis children included clothing, a vacuum cleaner, and educational toys for the young ones.

"If possible, my wish is to help Lynn give her children a Christmas they will never forget and something real special for the one who does it all, Lynn," said Colburn.

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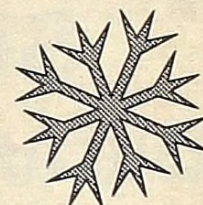
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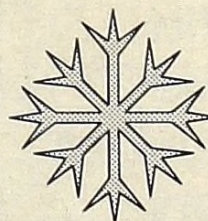
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New start is hope of Westland Family, away from abuse

By KIMBERLY WOLOSKE
MCN Staff Writer

Nine years in an abusive marriage and four young children in tow, Astoria McConnell packed up a few of her belongings this past August and started a new life.

While that second chance meant living in a homeless shelter for two months, McConnell knew anything would be better than the mental abuse she had suffered day after day at the will of her husband.

It was a case worker from Safe Stay, a Westland children's shelter, that first wrote to *Michigan Community Newspapers* regarding a mother "very committed to her family - working hard to provide for them."

Nicole Szilagyi said she wrote on behalf of a family she was currently working with that had been through a great deal over the last few months and while the five of them were no longer living in a shelter they were in desperate need of many things including clothing, furniture, towels, glasses, dishes and cook ware.

"The children's mother is very concerned that she will not be able to provide the children with a nice Christmas," said Szilagyi. "If you are able to help this family in any way, I'm sure that it would be greatly appreciated."

Since the move, McConnell and James Jr., 9; Anita, 7; Russell, 5; and Samuel, 2, had taken up residence with another family from an abusive marriage in hopes of making ends meet collaboratively rather than taking the financial burdens of the move on the shoulders of one.

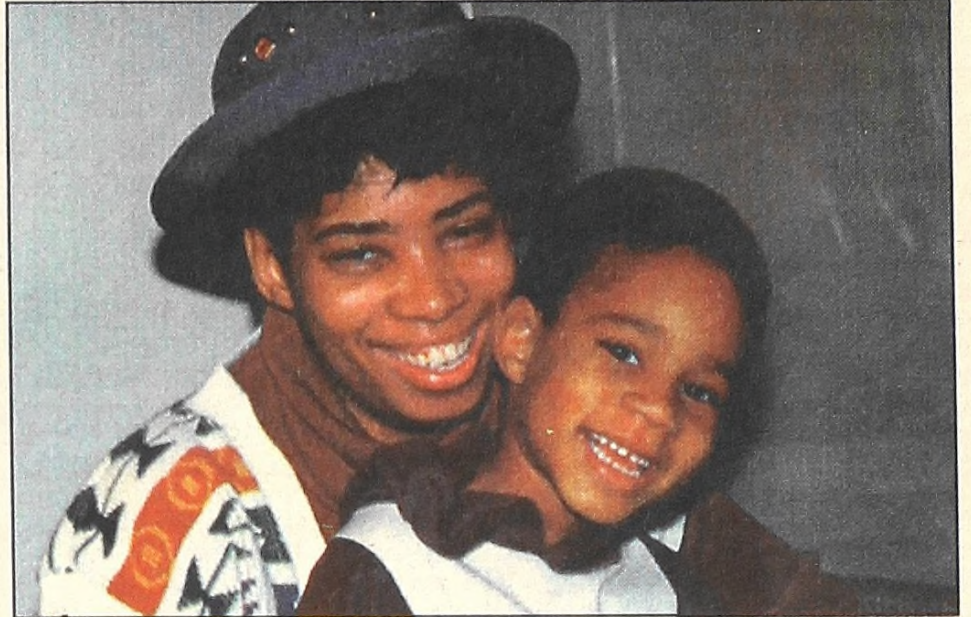
Good fortune wouldn't last long for the 34-year-old mother as the her new roommate only last for about a month.

"I asked her even before we moved in together if she had any intent on moving back in with her husband," said McConnell, "and her answer was no."

Thanks to the patience and generosity of McConnell's landlord the two women have been able to work out a deal enabling her to remain in the home, paying the rent when she can get work.

"My rent is \$850 a month," said McConnell. "My landlord is an angel sent down from heaven. I would have never moved in here if I thought the other woman was going to leave me in the lurch. She hasn't help pay any of the bills since she left."

Due in part to a structured program that takes into consideration the stress and depression associated with an abusive spouse, Safe Stay is making it possible for McConnell and dozens of other women



Loving mother Astoria McConnell and her five-year-old son Russell smile after they learn many of their Christmas wishes will come true, despite the financial struggles they deal with living within a single-parent household. McConnell cares for eldest son James Jr., 9; Anita, 7; and Samuel, 2, alone. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

like her to have a break from her children for up to 30 days during a one-year program in any increments she desires.

"Don't get me wrong, my children are my life," said McConnell, "but there's no one I know that will take my children for more than a couple of hours so that I can gather my

senses."

Safe Stay and First Step have arranged for counseling for McConnell and for her children to enjoy three fun-filled days away from their mother while she begins to recuperate from nine years of anguish and torment.

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Mother seeks marker for baby daughter

By KIMBERLY WOLOSKE
MCN Staff Writer

Charisma Harris has had one very special wish she's been trying to fulfill since 1993.

Harris, a single mother of three, lost her only daughter to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in April of 1993. Struggling, at the age of 22, to raise two other children without the involvement or support of their father, Harris says it has been virtually impossible to raise the money for a grave stone to acknowledge and remember her little girl.

The young mother says it's difficult to visit an unmarked grave but was even more heart wrenching when she learned the cemetery had mistakenly assigned her the wrong number that accompanied the location she had been visiting for the last several years.

"I went to the cemetery one day and there was a headstone with another child's name on it where my baby was buried," said Harris. "I learned later I had been visiting the wrong grave because of a mistake the cemetery had made."

Harris, a parent coordinator for the Head Start Program of Romulus, says she has tried over the last three years to gather the money together for a headstone but it

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- Charisma Harris

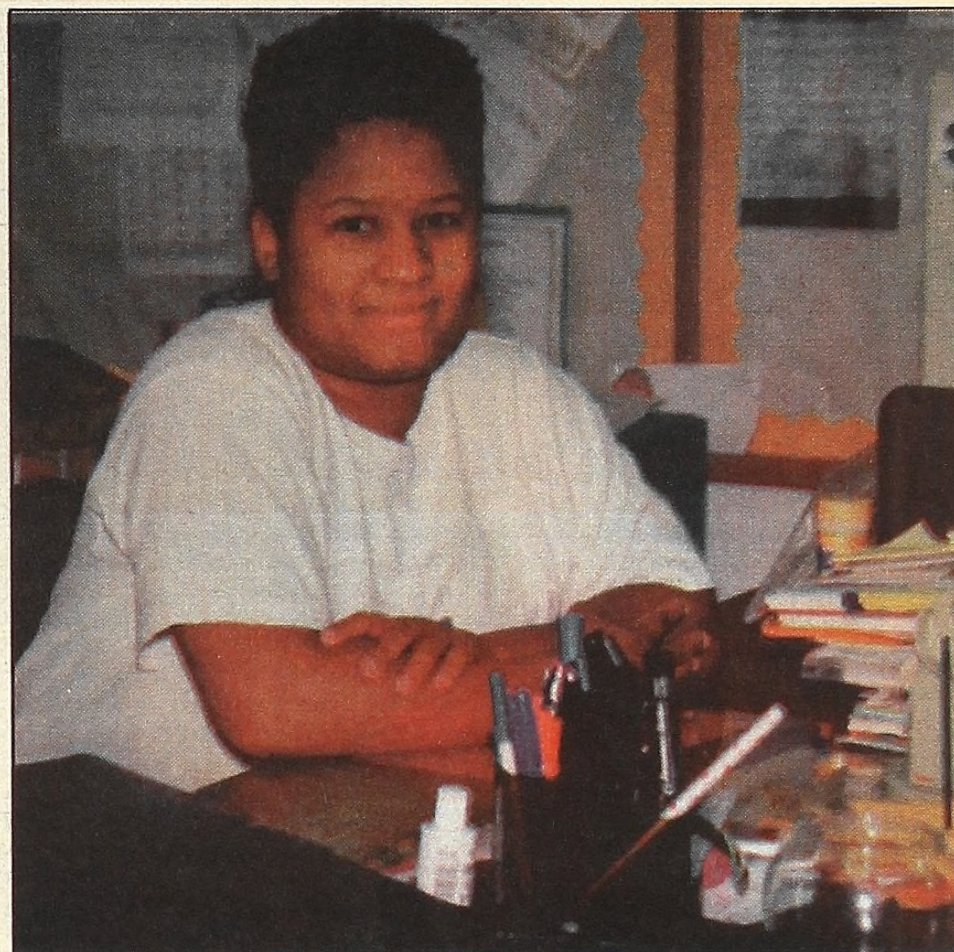
seems something always interfere's with her plans.

"It seems like I just get the money together and another bill comes along," said Harris.

Writing to *Michigan Community Newspaper* was very difficult says Harris.

"My job requires me to get help for needy families in the area so its hard for me to ask for help when I'm faced with other people in the same situation everyday who are a lot worse off than me."

Harris' two children, Pierre, 5, and Pavier, 1, have been looking forward to Christmas for months. The Romulus mother said she was motivated to write for her children in hopes of turning this Christmas into a special one, not only for the boys but for her little angel, Paris Aunte-sean Lee.



Charisma Harris, pictured in her office at the Romulus Head Start facility, is overjoyed once she learned the baby she lost to SIDS in 1993 will finally be recongized at the cemetary with a grave marker. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

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Head stone for baby is mother's wish

By KIMBERLY WOLOSKE
MCN Staff Writer

"My name is Krystal Ward. I am in the 6th grade and I thought that this may be the chance that I could help my mom's wish come true."

Ward, a student at Adams Middle School in Westland, wrote to the newspaper's Christmas Wish staff in hopes of getting a headstone to acknowledge the unmarked grave where her baby brother Steven is buried. The infant boy died in January of 1990 from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and his grave has gone without a marker for the last six years because of the family's financial situation.

"It hurt my mom a lot and she did nothing but cry for weeks, even months. Well see my mom's on ADC and she doesn't get a lot of money so she can't afford to buy my little brother a headstone with his name on it. My mom cry's a lot," wrote Ward.

Ward's mother Dawn said she isn't even looking forward to Christmas because of the depression she feels around the holiday season.

"Kind of hurts to know he's an unmarked grave. It just kills me," said Dawn. "I don't have any Christmas spirit in me at all."

Ward says she fears her mom will

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- Krystal Ward

always cry as she may never be able to afford a grave marker.

"When we go see my little brother we have trouble finding him because we can't find which one (grave) is his because he doesn't have a stone with his name on it," wrote Ward.

With three children to care for, two of which have diagnosed learning problems, Dawn struggles to raise them alone, still suffering from the unexpected loss of her seven month old son.

"Please make my mom happy this Christmas," wrote Ward. "Then my mom can stop crying and be happy this Christmas because she always cries for my brother."



Krystal Ward's troubles are masked by the cheerful smiles from her and brother Nathan. The children wrote MCN to ask for a headstone for their baby brother Steven that passed away from SIDS in 1990. The young girl said she fears her mother will never stop crying if the family can't raise the money to cover the expenses of the grave marker. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

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Romulus couple struggles to get by at Christmas

By KIMBERLY WOLOSKE
MCN Staff Writer

"I am writing a request for my struggling family," wrote 24-year-old Chadra Stiltner.

A young mother of one and one-half-year-old Flem Jr. and an unborn baby girl on the way, Stiltner and her husband Flem are behind in their rent and facing an empty Christmas not knowing whether their gas will be shut off again because of an unpaid bill.

In her two page letter to *Michigan Community Newspapers*, Stiltner described their financial situation as grim as they are \$2000 behind in their rent and the seasonal work her husband performs isn't always steady.

A marriage of four years is the foundation for the Stiltner's loving home, but its void of the simple necessities Chadra would like to be able to provide for her young son.

"It's hard to teach our children good moral values when you're trying to keep sight of your own or even grasping at any avenue of hope that there is," wrote Stiltner.

With a baby due in April, the Romulus mother says she has been grateful for the hand-me-downs she's received from family and friends but fears her newborn baby will go without a crib as she was

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- Chadra Stiltner

forced to return the one she borrowed during the infancy of her son Flem.

"I would gladly go without maternity clothes or even a car so my son can have three good meals a day," said Stiltner. "It saddens me though, that we can't provide new church clothes or even a new book now and then. He deserves the best of everything."

The Stiltners are also caring for Chadra's 16-year-old brother whose only request for Christmas was a bath robe.

"Being a foster child most of my life I know how it is to give of oneself. My greatest gift would be to be able to provide all the material things, respect and chances my foster parents had given to me," wrote Stiltner.



Twenty-four-year-old Chadra Stiltner is hopeful the help she will receive from Michigan Community Newspapers will restore the true spirit of Christmas to her one-one half year old son Flem Stiltner Jr. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

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Pregnant teen faces difficulties

By KIMBERLY WOLOSKE
MCN Staff Writer

Seventeen-year-old Shamika Ash has been overwhelmed since learning she was pregnant.

The Inkster teenager is dealing with the pregnancy without the support of her mother as she was shunned by her family after learning of her situation.

"I didn't know where to go so I went and stayed at a shelter in Detroit," said Ash, "but I didn't like it there. I had to even ask to go to the bathroom."

Desperate, Ash telephoned her grandparents and was welcomed with open arms into their Inkster home.

"My grandma told me I was always welcome in her home and I should get out of the shelter right away and come live with her," wrote Ash.

Moving out of her home with only a bag of clothes, Ash left behind her young siblings and a mother she yearns to be loved by during the remaining months of her pregnancy.

"I've been disowned from my family without money, clothes and I need food," wrote Ash. "I never knew that carrying a baby could be so hard."

I'm not asking for anything for myself, just my unborn. I would appreciate anything that you could do.

- Shamika Ash

Ash says the only support she receives from the 20-year-old baby's father is the time he takes to drive her to doctor visits.

While living with her grandparents may be easier than a shelter, Ash helps out cooking, cleaning and doing laundry as both senior citizens are disabled.

"I don't mind helping and I do what I can for my grandma but I get so tired," said Ash.

Without money or insurance, Ash said she has been unable to purchase additional prenatal vitamins, necessary for the unborn child's well being before birth.

"I'm not asking for anything for myself, just my unborn. I would appreciate anything that you could do," wrote Ash.



Shamika Ash, 17, asked for Christmas wishes for her unborn child as she faces the predicament of raising the baby without the support of the father or the involvement of Ash's own mother. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

Her list of wants included a crib, car seat, diapers, newborn clothes and blankets. While she doesn't believe in Santa Claus, Ash says she

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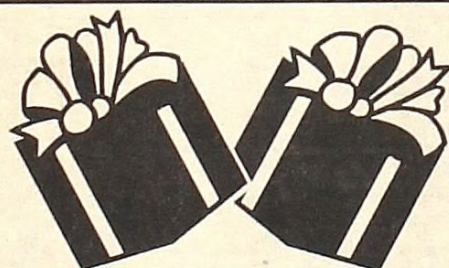
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Grandmother doesn't want to see grandchildren go without Christmas, life's basic necessities

By KIMBERLY WOLOSKE
MCN Staff Writer

Shirley Sue Saleh is the proud grandmother of six grandchildren ranging in age from 12 years to just six weeks old, all of whom live under her roof with the children's mother Delia.

"We try to make ends meet but when you're living in a small place like this with so many of us, it's really hard," said Saleh.

Saleh wrote to *Michigan Community Newspapers* in December asking for help this Christmas as she is a severe diabetic and her daughter suffers from epileptic seizures, therefore limiting their employment capabilities.

The elderly Westland woman said she has suffered a number of heartaches this holiday season including the unexpected death of her sister from a massive stroke. She said she doesn't want to see her grandchildren go through Christmas without some joy in their life. Saleh's granddaughter Cynthia,

"We are trying to comfort her with our love, but her little heart has been broken."

- Shirley Sue Saleh

7, wanted only one thing this Christmas - to see her father who does not live with the family.

The 7-year-old's wish will go unfulfilled as the man was killed instantly in an automobile accident on Oct. 20.

"We are trying to comfort her with our love," said Saleh. "But her little heart has been broken."

The family is going without a telephone and is in desperate need of food, diapers for the newborn and other necessities many take for granted.



Norwayne grandmother Shirley Sue Saleh is surrounded by three of her six grandchildren including (left) Ralph Hill, 5, Charie Motto, 12, and four-year-old Joshua Hill. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

"We don't have anything but some junk we got from friends," wrote Saleh. "We need a larger refrigerator, baby bed, play pen and

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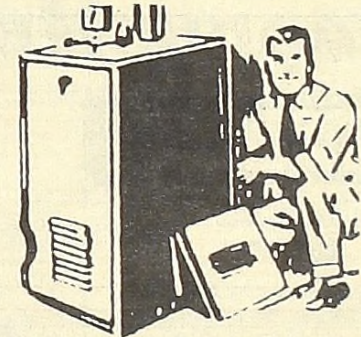
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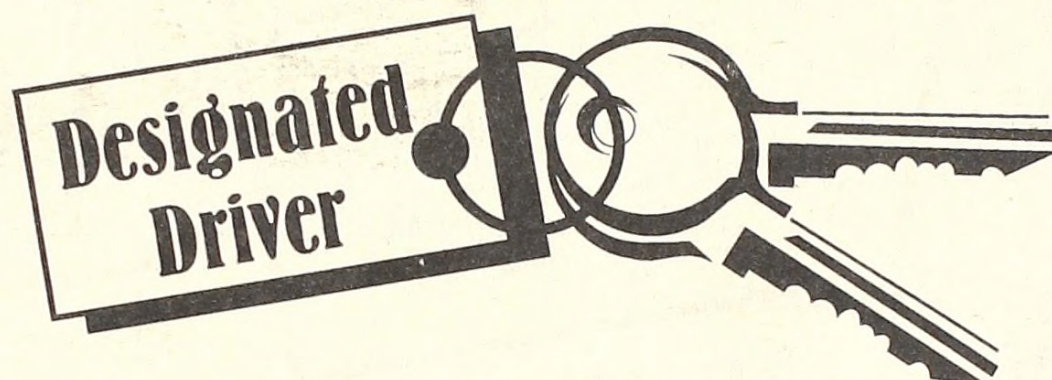
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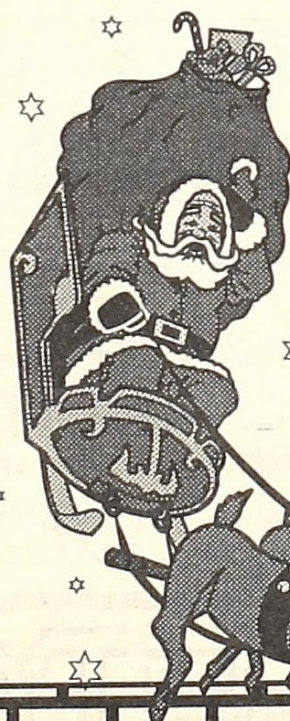
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Family flees from abuse to new life starting at the bottom

By KIMBERLY WOLOSKE
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"I read my mom an article about you and your giving. I have to read to her because she doesn't know how. I also have to write to you because she can't write either," wrote Jessica Anglin of her mother Charolette.

The 11-year-old Canton girl said her small family including her mother and 8-year-old brother Adam were forced to move to Michigan four months ago to flee the abusiveness of her father.

After the move from Kentucky,

We had no family down there and my mom was being beat every day.

- Jessica Anglin

the family made their home in a little trailer in Canton where mother Charolette is unemployed because of her disability.

"We had no family down there and my mom was being beat every day. She is sick so we are just on ADC," said Jessica. "We don't have

any money for fancy dinners and new presents. Could you please put us on your list?"

Divorced from a marriage of physical and mental abuse, Charolette said it's been hard raising her two children alone without any family for support in a new environ-

ment.

Jessica wrote the newspaper staff about the father she moved away from and his repeated abuse of her mother.

"He, my dad, is in jail, fixing to go back to prison for violating parole in Richmond, Kentucky," said Anglin.

The two young children asked for new bicycles or anyother toy that would make this Christmas a special one.

"My mom would never be able to buy us one because we have no car to get my mom back and forwards to work," said Anglin.

Dear Wish,
My Christmas wishes is for my sons. They are in need of some dressers for their rooms. They are using baskets right now and they will be greatly in need of these. Please take this into consideration. I know some people may be more in need of something else but after them think about this.
Sandra French
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To MCN,
My name is Veronica Avery and I am 40 years old. I am a single mother with eight kids and the oldest is 18 years, the youngest 5 months. My mother also lives with me. We would really appreciate anything you can offer, such as baby clothes, toys, games, books a dinner with trimmings and anything else you can offer to help us out.
Yours truly, Veronica Avery
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Dear MCN,
I am a very ill person so I'm writing for a Christmas Wish for me. My wish is for me and my two little great granddaughters to have food. I would love just one good Christmas with food, fruit, and toys or whatever we get we will thank God for it. Please help all my wishes to come true.
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Dear Christmas Wishes,
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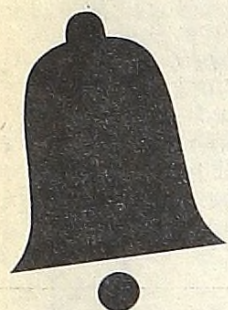
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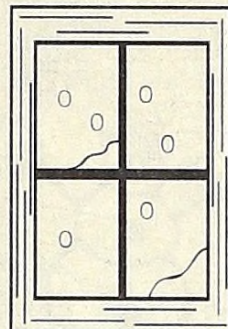
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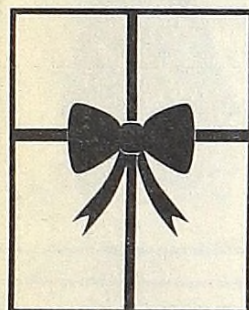
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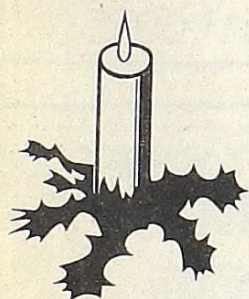
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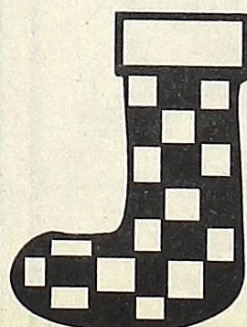
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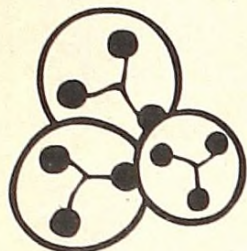
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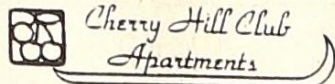
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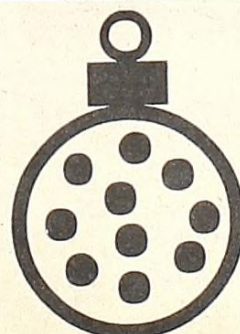
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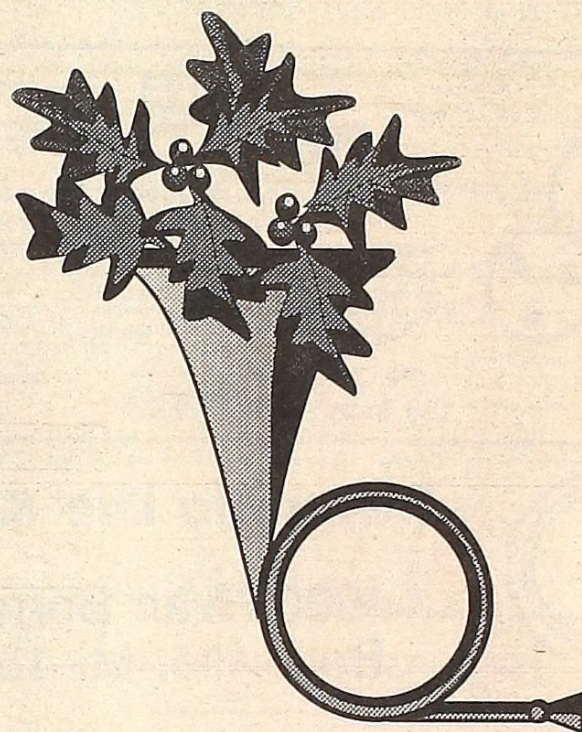
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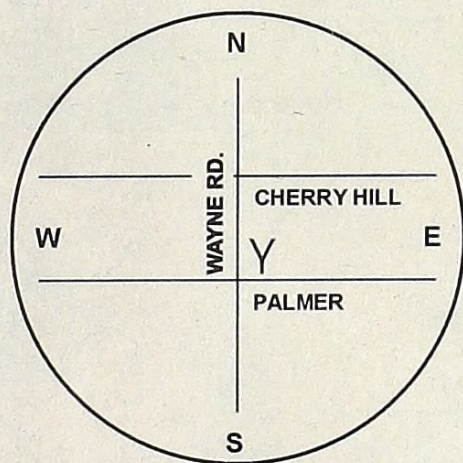
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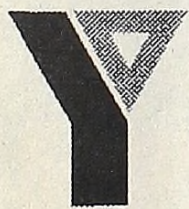


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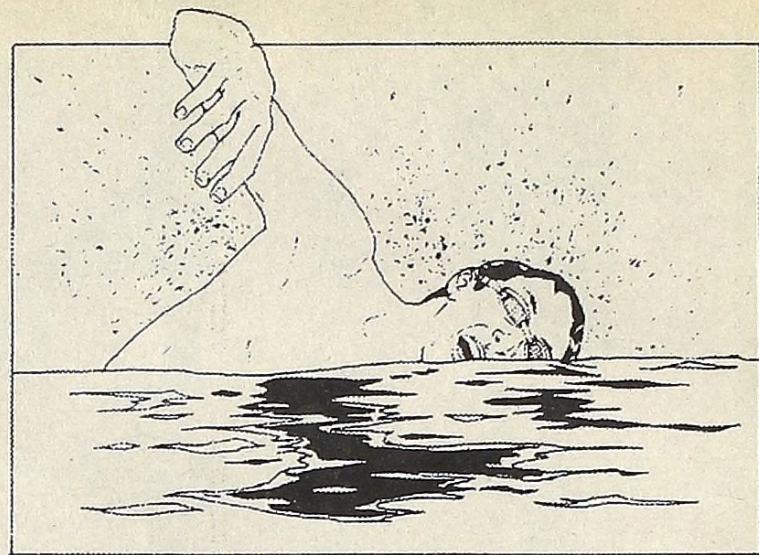
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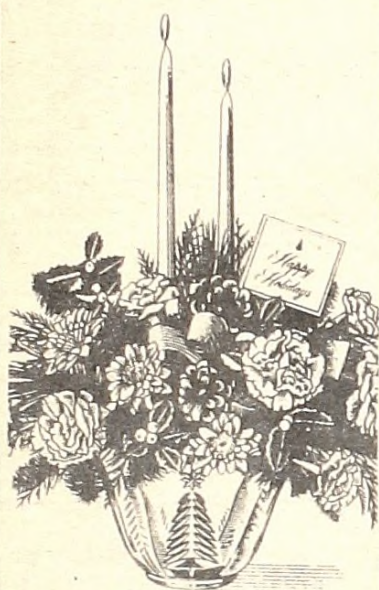


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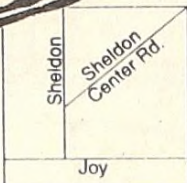
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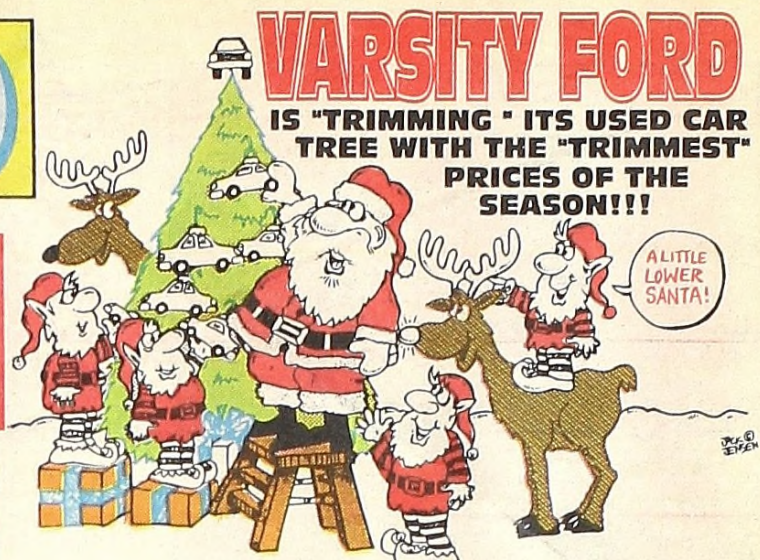


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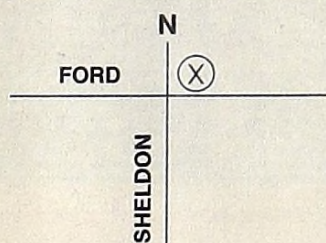
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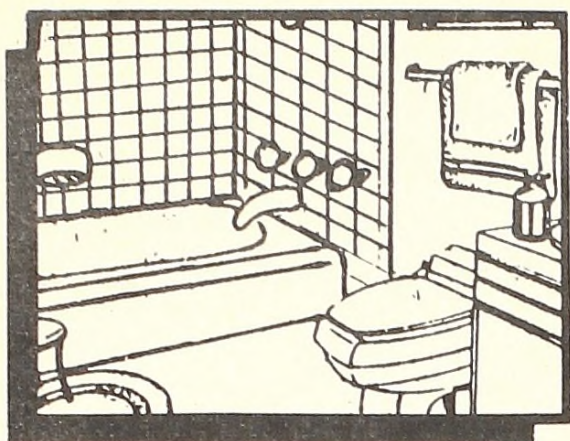
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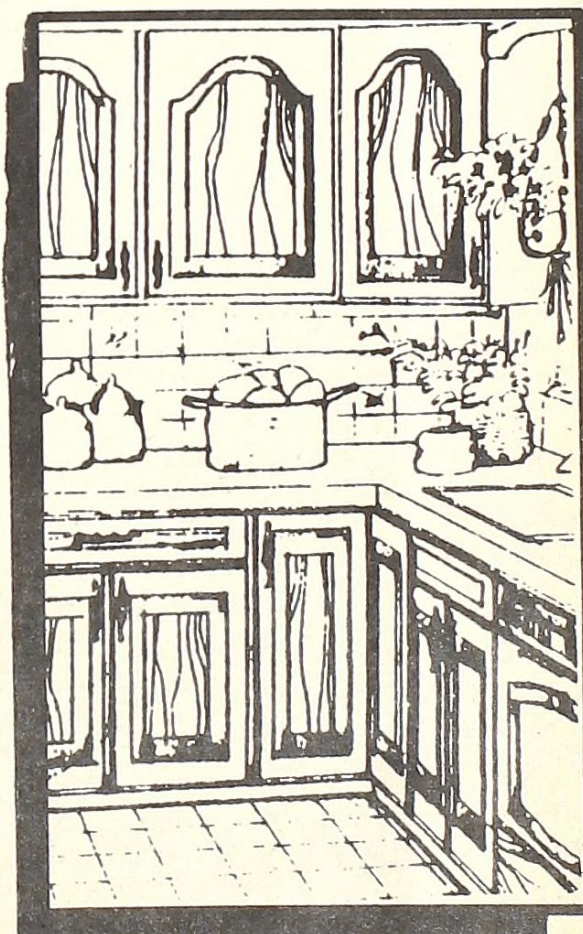
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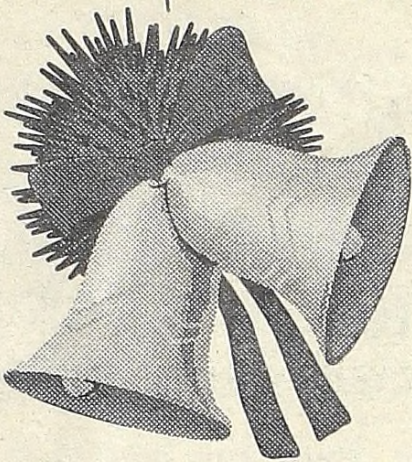
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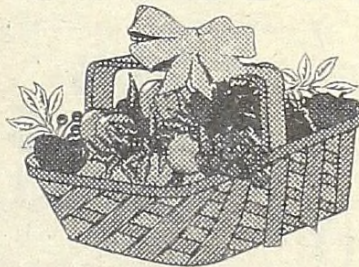
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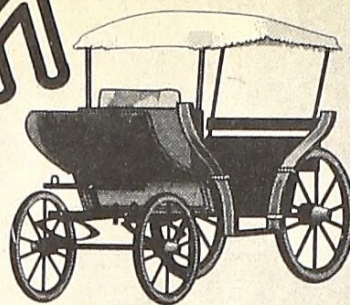
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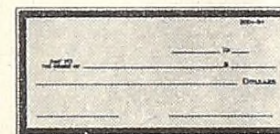


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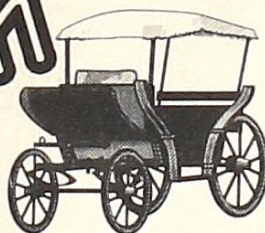
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